

# Southern Baptist Convention The Summit June 12-14, 1979 Houston, Texas

Theme: 'Bold Mission While It Is Yet Day'

Tuesday Morning, June 12 (The Summit)

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, TX, Lanny Allen, minister of music
- 9:30 Call to Order  
Congregational Singing—Sam Prestidge, Dallas, TX, director  
Scripture—Charles J. Scalise, New Haven, CT  
Prayer—T. B. Maston, Fort Worth, TX
- 9:45 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—Lee Porter, Nashville, TN  
Report of Committee on Order of Business—James L. Pleitz, Dallas, TX, chairman
- 9:55 Welcome—Mayor Jim McConn, Houston, TX
- 10:00 Response—Dan Stringer, Portland, OR
- 10:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from Other Baptist Bodies
- 10:20 Convention Photograph
- 10:25 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
- 10:30 Report of Executive Committee (First Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville, TN
- 11:10 Business and Introduction of Resolutions
- 11:45 Congregational Singing—Sam Prestidge, Dallas, TX, director
- 11:50 Music—Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, TX, Lanny Allen, minister of music
- 11:55 President's Address—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, TX
- 12:30 Benediction—Mrs. Marion (Sally) Aldridge, Batesburg, SC  
Adjourn

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## Executive Committee

## State Flood Relief Offering Gets OK

The concept of a state-wide offering for flood relief on the part of Mississippi Baptist churches has been approved in principle by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The committee voted Monday to endorse such an offering and suggested that a committee of staff members of the board be established to work out the details of timing and distribution. The offering would be used to give some measure of relief to the victims of the flood that began on April 13 on the upper reaches of the Pearl River and worked its way on down to the Gulf of Mexico a little more than a week later.

The flood was estimated to have left about 17,000 people homeless mostly in Jackson and the surrounding area.

The committee voted to take \$20,000 from funds already available and give it to the executive committee of Hinds-Madison Association to be used in flood relief.

In other actions the Executive Committee endorsed the employment of a new associate director for the Department of Student Work, Lloyd Lunceford, and approved the election of Dan West as superintendent of Central Hills Baptist Retreat.

The members authorized the repair of the heating and air conditioning units for the Baptist Student Center at the University of Southern Mississippi, which amount is already in hand from gifts, and okayed the purchase of an organ for Gulfshore Assembly at a cost of \$22,760, which has been made available by an anonymous donor. It will be an Allen organ model no. 603.3.

Committee members voted to increase the gasoline allowance for Convention Board operations by 1 cent per mile and okayed an expenditure of \$3,464 to reimburse lawyers for the preparation of an amicus curiae brief to be filed in connection with a suit by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against Mississippi College concerning the college's failure to employ a faculty member.

All Convention Board travel will be reimbursed at the rate of 18 cents per

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## Visits Mission Stations

## Deacon Flies Alone Around The World In A Single Engine Plane

By Anne McWilliams

Charles Hull flew around the world alone in a single engine Cessna 210, and lived to tell about it. He traveled 39,000 miles in three months, made 31 stops in 22 countries or islands and visited missionaries in eight countries. He delivered 1000 pounds of rice to villages in the Upper Volta.

"The purpose of the trip was threefold," said the deacon from First Church, Winona. "Visiting missionaries and learning more about missions; touring; and the adventure and challenge of flying around the world alone."

Five hundred people gathered in a freezing rain the morning of December 16 to see him off at the Winona

Airport. A much larger crowd was waiting to welcome him back in mid-March. The Chamber of Commerce presented to him a silver trophy, and the mayor of Winona declared a Charles Hull Day and named Hull an Ambassador of Good Will for the city.

Since his return, Hull has been speaking at different churches, telling about the mission work he saw firsthand. April 29 he spoke at the Duck Hill Church. His wife, the former Sue Riley, grew up at Duck Hill.

He said, "Through no ability of mine was the trip a success, but it was due to good equipment and to having along with me the greatest Co-Pilot ever known—Jesus Christ."

Last year, he said, was the first time a single engine pressurized plane had been available which made it possible for him to fly 25,000 feet or higher without his oxygen mask. Most of the time, he added, he flew at 15,000 to 17,000 feet.

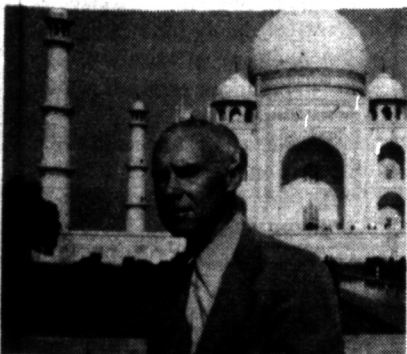
Twice he flew 13 hours nonstop—from the Marshall Islands to Hawaii and from Hawaii to San Diego. The navigation could have been a worry, especially on those long stretches. But he was never off course more than 20 miles once or twice. He had only a magnetic compass and the forecast winds as guides.

"And the Lord," he emphasized. At Recife, Brazil, he could not get forecast winds out of Brasilia, so he called Sue and she gave him a report from Washington, D. C. With that he headed for the coast of Liberia. Seeing lightning ahead he veered a little to

avoid the storm, but no more than 20 miles off his planned course.

On the last leg of the journey Sue joined him for a week in Hawaii. At one time she talked with her husband by radio from the jet in which she was flying, and asked him where he was.

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Hull at the Taj Mahal in India.

## Family Enrichment Week Set During July Fourth

There will be a full family week at Gulfshore July 2-6 which features a program for the entire family. John Howell, author and professor and dean of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, will be the Bible teacher and preacher.

"For Your Family—It's Worth It" is the theme of the family enrichment week.

Program features seeking to meet family interests and needs will include conferences and Bible study for all age groups. Special events will include Family Day on Thursday, a concert by Cecil Harper and "fantabulous Fourth of July fun" at the beach and pool directed by the Gulfshore staff.

Douglas Cole, family life specialist from North Carolina, T. Edwin Lilly of

New Orleans, Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland, and James Travis of Jackson, are among the other program personalities.

The Singles Weekend Renewal immediately follows family week, beginning with supper on Friday evening, July 6, and closing at noon on Sunday, July 8.

Using the theme "One Plus A Single Aware," the program will include Bible study, inspirational messages and music, practical conferences and fun-filled recreation. The retreat is designed for single adults (never married or formerly married).

Both of these events are sponsored by the Christian Action Commission as a part of its family ministry.

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## Flood Woes Continue

# Baptist Churches Provide Financial Aid To Victims

By Don McGregor

As the shock and numbness begin to wear off following the flood of Easter weekend and the week following, the fact that there is a great deal of work to be accomplished begins to be the primary consideration.

Of an even greater concern is the availability of money with which to buy the materials necessary to accomplish the work.

At this point there doesn't seem to be much to be done in the way of labor, because a two-week to a month or longer drying time is still a necessity before reconstruction begins. Authorities point out that to try to rebuild walls before frames and studs dry out would be a serious mistake and probably would mean having to redo the job.

The greatest damage seems to have occurred in three areas, according to extensive telephone surveys by the Baptist Record. These are in Jackson, in the Hopewell community north of Georgetown, and in the Rockport-Galilee-Pearl Valley area south of Georgetown.

### 95 Percent Evacuated

Georgetown itself, though 95 percent evacuated during the flood, received very little damage to homes of Baptists. In the Black community, however, Mrs. Beal Allbritton, wife of the mayor, said the damage was extensive.

On Friday morning of last week the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was host at a breakfast in Jackson to which all churches with members who had suffered flood damage were invited to send representatives. Members were present from Colonial Heights, Broadmoor, First Church, Briarwood Drive, Woodland Hills, and Ridgecrest. In addition representatives were present from the Red Cross, Hinds-Madison Association, The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the Baptist Record.

Of the churches in Jackson with members who suffered flood damage, the hardest hit seems to have been Colonial Heights. This church has from 250 to 300 active families in its membership, and 125 of those families received flood damage. In addition it has almost completed a major building program, and the church faces a heavy debt.

Broadmoor Church had almost as

many families flooded, 105. This is a much larger church, however, with greater financial resources and less of a debt burden. Broadmoor has pretty well geared up to help its members begin to recover from the damage, though of course there is no way a church can provide the means for full-scale recovery, pointed out Bob

McKee, minister of education. Broadmoor has bought sheetrock in large quantities and is furnishing nails to order to help its members begin to get their homes back in livable condition. The church will furnish member families up to \$500 worth of sheetrock. It has been determined, McKee said, that it takes from 80 to 100 sheets per

house at a cost of up to \$5 per sheet.

### Able to Provide

Other churches in the Jackson area are pretty well able to provide assistance to their own members, according to a survey. Only First Church had a comparable number of victims at 68. Woodland Hills had 32 families af-

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The interior of the Bob Johnson home in Jackson is piled on the lawn. The Johnsons are members of Colonial Heights. Water stood seven feet deep in this house.

## North Central Thrust Reports Large Results

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)—More than 1,400 churches and missions in seven north central states reported 5,327 professions of faith in Christ during a week of simultaneous revivals in April. There were an also estimated 10,500 persons dedicating their lives in Christian commitment.

Evangelism directors in the four state Baptist conventions and two fel-

lowships made the report at a steering committee meeting of the North Central Mission Thrust held in Indianapolis. The simultaneous revivals were held in churches and missions in the state conventions of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio and the two Baptist fellowships in Iowa and Minnesota-Wisconsin.

The revival week was a highlight of 1979 which has been designated for special evangelistic emphasis in the seven north central states.

The North Central Mission Thrust is the regional emphasis under which the seven states are taking part in the nationwide Bold Mission Thrust of the Southern Baptist Convention which seeks to give everyone in the U. S. a chance to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus by 1982.

More than 400 pastors in the southeast and southwest came to the north central states to preach revivals in the 1,400 churches. These include 115 pastors from Kentucky in Ohio, 110 from Arkansas in Indiana, 84 from Tennessee in Illinois, 40 from Texas in Minnesota-Wisconsin and 30 from Missouri in Iowa. In Michigan, 36 vocational evangelists led revivals.

The revival week was promoted and publicized through hundreds of highway billboards in key locations in the state and through bumper stickers proclaiming "Good News" for the state. More than 250,000 Luke-Acts scripture portions were distributed in pre-revival visitation.

The SBC Radio and Television Commission sent a camera crew to Columbus, Ohio, in January to film highlights of the North Central Thrust Evangelism Conference in which all seven states took part.

These highlights were condensed into a 30-minute videotape which was shown on several commercial TV stations and dozens of cable channels throughout the area just before the revival.

The seven-state effort is to bring the gospel to 32 million people living there who do not profess faith in Christ. The states have a combined goal of winning 32,000 persons to Christ during 1979.

The regional effort relied heavily on the personnel and financial support from the Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board and Woman's Missionary Society.

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## Mississippi CP Receipts Total \$679,710 In April

Cooperative Program receipts received through the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board totaled \$679,710 for April, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Though the April, 1979, receipts were the lowest for any month of this year, they still accounted for a 22.3 percent increase over the receipts for the same month of last year, Kelly said. They were more than was received during two of the first four months of last year.

He pointed out that almost always when a month ends on Sunday or Monday it is one of the lower months in Cooperative Program gifts, for the churches do not have time to get their gifts into the Convention Board offices before the cut-off date on the first of the next month.

The increase for April, 1979, over April, 1978, amounted to \$123,884.

Total gifts thus far this year have amounted to \$3,259,301, Kelly said. This is an increase of \$421,560—or 14.9 percent. Gifts through April of last year amounted to \$2,837,741.

The prorated budget for four months of the \$10 million annual total would be \$3,333,333. Thus the total receipts for the four months are \$74,032 short of what the budget would be for that

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Ready for take-off on a rainy December morning.



# Mother's Day Offering Aids Mississippi Child Care Program

By Paul N. Nunnery  
Executive Director,  
Children's Village

The significance and importance of CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK and MOTHER'S DAY to The Baptist Children's Village and the boys and girls in its custody and under its care is receiving seasonal emphasis by Village authority. The Baptist Children's Village, which is Mississippi Baptist Convention's official child care agency, has its principal offices in Jackson on the site of its largest campus. The Village operates another installation in Tate County, near Independence, popularly known as Farrow Manor Campus, for "country-living" by some of the boys and girls in its care and custody, as well as a satellite home in New Albany.

The Village also maintains and supervises its own voluntary system of foster homes, managed by The Village's Social Service Department, involving care of children in stable, private homes located in various areas of the state by contract between those homes and The Children's Village.

Records at the child care agency indicate that its custodial care and services were extended to more than 400 different boys and girls in calendar year 1978. The Children's Village is a founding and charter member of two different professional child care organizations of national stature, and is widely recognized for the excellence of

its services to neglected and dependent children and the distinctiveness of its Christian approach to the needs and problems of the children and troubled families whom it serves.

A number of years ago the Mississippi Baptist Convention allocated the 8-day period, traditionally observed by Southern Baptist as Christian Home Week, to The Village as a time for special emphasis upon its ministry as a mission exercise and enterprise of the church. At the same time the convention designated Mother's Day as the convention-suggested time upon which local Baptist churches in Mississippi could encourage and receive a special church-wide offering for the general money needs of The Village.

In keeping with convention policy, The Children's Village does not appeal to local Baptist churches for money gifts at any other time in the year, although individual friends of The Village and its children customarily respond, from time to time, with cash gifts to several appeals for the individual needs of children in food, clothing, and school expense areas, being appeals to those individuals, made popular in Mississippi by responding, individual contributors, according to The Village administration. Trustees and administration at the child care agency indicate that The Village ministry remains dependent for designated giving for approximately 75 percent of basic and minimum needs of the agency.

The Village is included in an allocation of Cooperative Program funds which amounted to 18.3 percent of contributed funds during calendar year 1978. Trustees and administration have reminded local Baptist churches of a critical need for increased support through the Mother's Day offering because of continued rising costs in basic and necessary operating areas including utilities, transportation costs, in-

surance premiums, expenses of maintaining buildings and grounds, and similar areas necessary to the existence of any institution or agency. In November of 1976 the Convention authorized The Children's Village to purchase the Tate County lands upon which its Farrow Manor Campus is operated, thereby incurring a substantial capital indebtedness. Trustees and administration at The Village point out that the cost of servicing that indebtedness, which must be borne, from general funds received by The Village, has rapidly accelerated as the result of continued inflation and that the financial ability of The Children's Village to continue its ministry and service to the hundreds of Mississippi children remaining in its care is being severely taxed.

The Baptist Children's Village continues, in fact as in name, to be a mission agent of local Baptist churches in our state, acting in cooperative concert. The Village is factually an agency of the church, not only because each child and each family we serve is commended to us by a local Baptist church, but also because a substantial majority of the funds which make our operation possible move to us from Baptist churches. Many "church-oriented" agencies of our type can no longer substantiate such a statement. Similar to every private home and every local church, we seem to "handle" more dollars than ever before, but because of inflation, we are less able to meet our minimum needs with those dollars than at any time in recent history.

Mother's Day envelopes have been mailed to every Baptist pastor and every general Sunday School superintendent or director in the state. Additional supplies may be obtained by writing The Village at Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi 39213 or telephoning Village offices at 922-2242.

## SBC Giving Tops \$76.6 Million Mark

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — With seven months gone in the 1978-79 fiscal year, Southern Baptists' total giving to national causes has reached \$76,839,511, more than \$7.8 million above the amount given at the same point last year.

The portion of that amount going undesignated to Cooperative Program budget needs of the Southern Baptist Convention's worldwide missions program is \$36,916,988, more than \$8 million or 11.50 percent ahead of last year.

The balance — \$39,922,524 — consists of designated contributions to the SBC's Lottie Moon Christmas and Annie Armstrong Easter Offerings and other causes. It exceeds by more than \$4 million, or 11.28 percent, the designated contributions in 1977-78 at the same point.

During April, the seventh month of the fiscal year, Southern Baptists contributed \$10,071,408 with \$5,426,709 going undesignated to Cooperative Program causes, and \$4,644,698 designated. The Cooperative Program portion represents a 12.15 percent increase over the amount given in April, 1978, while the total amount is 5.38 percent ahead of last April.

## May Banquet Will Honor Ralph Winders

Ralph Winders, who is retiring May 31 as director of student work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the guest of honor at a banquet on Thursday, May 24.

The banquet, given by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be at First Baptist Church, Jackson, at 7 p.m.

The public is invited. Tickets are available for \$4 each from the office of Chester Vaughn, program director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. All tickets should be secured before May 22.

Winders has served 35 years in student work, 22 of those with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Senior Adult Retreat Still Has Some Space

"No more space at Gulfshore for the scheduled Senior Adult Convention, May 21-24," reports Gulfshore Manager Frank Simmons.

"But there is still some space at Gulfshore for the Senior Adult Retreat, August 20-24," according to Kermit S. King, Senior Adult Consultant who has planned both programs.

Speaker for the retreat is Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo. Macklyn W. Hubbell, of First Church, Cleveland will conduct a daily Bible study.

Other program personalities include Robert and Helen Cook of Jacksonville, Florida; Bill and Judy Latham and Adelle Carlson of Nashville, Tennessee.



Seminary Ground Breaking

Ground breaking is under way for the new Mississippi Baptist Seminary building on Lynch Street in Jackson. The building will house the T. B. Brown administrative wing and the William P. Davis Library and Resource Learning Center. Shown with the shovels are, left to right, Wallace Edison, contractor; Dan Bennett, architect; Richard Brogan, president; Hickman Johnson, chairman of the trustees; William P. Davis, a former president and retired director of the Mississippi Baptist Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists; and John Hutchison of Deposit Guaranty National Bank. Brogan was master of ceremonies. Addresses were delivered by Johnson and Davis.

## Bold Mission Thrust Demands Teamwork

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posters, promotional handouts, bulletin covers, bulletin inserts, reproduction proofs, and stencils. If you desire such items, please direct your request to:

Associational Administration Service  
Dept.

Home Mission Board  
1350 Spring Street, N. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Every church is encouraged to observe the Sunday of May 27 for a very special time of recognition and emphasis since this has been proclaimed

as Associational Emphasis Sunday across the state of Mississippi. It might be that the local pastor and/or other mission groups would like to highlight the mission efforts being accomplished in their own association. This could be tied into the Bold Missions theme and/or local emphases with goals for the future and the accomplishments of the past.

It is hoped that this day will be a very high hour in the life of every church in Mississippi because of what is being done through the churches, associations, and around the world.

## State Flood Relief

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mile retroactive to May 1, according to the decision. Those board employees who are traveling more than 10,000 miles per year and are receiving a monthly stipend of \$160 will receive 10 cents per mile in addition. The figures have been 17 cents and 9 cents.

In speaking of finances, Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, pointed out that while salaries took 19.4 percent of the total budget in 1971 the percentage figure for 1979 is 15.9 percent.

The new associate director of the Department of Student Work, Lloyd Luncford, is now the Baptist Student Union director of the Pearl River Junior College in Poplarville. Luncford, 27 years of age, is a graduate of Coahoma High School in Clarksdale and Delta State University in Cleveland and has a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches at Indianola, Shelby, Duncan, and Boyle

and has been engaged in student work at Delta State in addition to his work at Pearl River Junior College.

Dan West has been director of associational missions for Pike Association. Before accepting that position he held the same position in Simpson Association. He will direct operations of the retreat and handle maintenance of the grounds.

Ralph Winders, who will retire at the end of this month as director of the Department of Student Work, appeared before the committee briefly for a farewell statement. During his remarks he mentioned the dedication April 29 of the newly completed Baptist Student Union center at Delta State University.

The \$20,000 in relief funds was available, according to Kelly, because of a gift of \$10,000 from the Home Mission Board and the donation of \$10,000 by Mississippi Baptists following the flooding.

## Relief Vans From Four States To Feed SBC Crowd

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — Baptist Men will seek to feed 8,500 persons from disaster relief vans to introduce them to the disaster relief program of Southern Baptists on June 12, opening day of the three-day Southern Baptist Convention at the Summit in Houston.

The SBC Brotherhood Commission and state Baptist Men's groups from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Mississippi will sponsor the project between noon and 2 p.m.

Norman Godfrey, director of the ministries section of the commission, said the 8,500 diners, capacity for a two-hour period, will eat without charge but sponsors will take a free will offering to defray expenses.

Any gifts beyond expenses will go to world relief through the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards, he added, while the commission will take care of any deficit.

SBC President Jimmy R. Allen and convention arrangements planner Tim Edquist lauded the project since day parking and restaurants are scarce in the immediate vicinity of the Summit.

Volunteers from Baptist Men's units in Houston-area churches will help serve the food and take the offering at the vans, owned and operated by the four state Baptist Men's groups.

Godfrey said the menu duplicates a typical meal served recently by the Texas Baptist disaster relief unit to tornado victims in Wichita Falls and by the Mississippi Baptist disaster relief team to flood victims in Jackson. It consists of hot beef stew, green beans, peach halves, crackers, cookies and iced tea.

Besides an abundant supply of food, the disaster relief vehicles — converted 18-wheel moving vans — contain sleeping quarters for a six-man crew, first aid equipment, medical treatment room, clean up tools, water, electrical generators, and communications equipment.

James Hatley, director of world missions conferences for the commission, will coordinate the feeding project.

## GA, Acteens Camps Offer Mission Study, Crafts

Camp Garaywa, owned and operated by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, will offer eight weeks of camp for GAs and Acteens this summer. Camp will begin June 11 and conclude August 3. The camping program is developed to improve missions awareness.

During a week at Garaywa girls will learn about mission work around the world and here at home. They will discover that mission work can begin with them in their home towns, in their communities, and in their homes. Home and foreign missionaries will be on the grounds each week sharing information about how God is using them in their special area of work.

Even though mission study, Bible study, and missionary share-time are our most important features of camp, GAs and Acteens can look forward to much more. The girls will involve themselves in music, crafts, drama, nature study, recreation, swimming, and outdoor cooking.

Another important factor in a good camping experience is the camp staff. The young ladies who make up the Camp Garaywa staff are talented, dedicated, fun-loving, and well-trained for their positions, according to camp

## Book Reviews

MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL by John and Robina Drakeford (Broadman, \$3.95, 96 pp.) This is a good gift book for this time of year, around Mother's Day. The Drakefords portray the modern family in America riding a multiseated bicycle down a busy highway. The mother rides the middle seat and does everything in her power to keep the balance that will save the family from disaster. In vignettes and chapters they present the role of mothers, the biblical model for a mother, some Bible mothers, contemporary motherhood, and other subjects to show that mothers are special.

## Apartment Building Bought For Gulfshore

A four-unit apartment building located on Highway 90 at the intersection of the street leading to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly has been purchased for assembly operations.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board bought the apartment building for \$132,500 from Carl McLemore, the business manager at New Orleans Seminary. Besides its being useful to the assembly, having the building give control of the entrance to the area, declared Art Nelson, business manager for the Convention Board. There will be no unwanted businesses going in, he said.

Madrid, Spain — Joseph W. and Lila Mefford, Southern Baptist missionaries from Colorado, have been named home missionaries by the Spanish Baptist Union. The Meffords, who have served in Spain for 35 years, were named home missionaries by the Spanish union to join other home missionaries in a special five-year mission plan for evangelizing Spain.

## North Central

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nary Union. The simultaneous revivals will be followed by area crusades to be conducted locally around the north central states later this year.

The count by state in conversions was: Ohio, 2,048; Illinois, 1,508; Indiana, 943; Michigan, 550; Iowa, 200; Minnesota-Wisconsin, 78.

Local reports indicated tremendous results: A church in Flint, Mich., which had an attendance of 25, extended its revival one week and reported 25 professions of faith; more than 30 churches in Ohio reported 10 or more converts; a sign in the window of a restaurant in suburban Columbus, Ohio, prompted four diners to visit in a nearby church where they all professed faith; one Illinois church had 58 persons converted during pre-revival preparation; several churches reported more additions by baptism during pre-revival week than they had all last year; a church on the verge of disbanding reported 17 conversions and changed its mind about closing up.

Publicity and registration information has been mailed to all local Acteens and GA directors. For additional information about registration write or call Mississippi WMU, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205. (telephone 354-3704.)

Camp dates are: June 11-15, GA; June 16-22, Acteens; June 25-29, GA; July 2-6, Acteens; July 9-13, GA; July 16-20, GA; July 23-27, GA; July 30-Aug. 3, GA.

Some of the camp missionaries will be: Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn — Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vandercook — Mississippi; Mrs. Guy Henderson — Korea, Philippines;

Mr. and Mrs. James Kellum — Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alford — Mississippi; Miss Mary Lewis — New York; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry White — Korea;

Dr. and Mrs. Van Williams — India; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee — Spain; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis — Ghana.

## CP Receipts

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amount of time, Kelly noted. That is of little consequence, he pointed out, because of the fact that there will be gifts for April that will be credited to May.

"Under the circumstances, this is a very creditable record of giving for Mississippi Baptist Churches," Kelly said. "In addition to the early cut-off time, many church members were struggling with personal losses from the tremendous flooding that occurred throughout much of the state during the month. This is another indication that Mississippi Baptists continue to think of missions regardless of the circumstances."

Bignona, Senegal — Kenneth G. and Margaret Robertson, Southern Baptist missionaries from Arkansas, have opened a new mission station in Bignona, Senegal, about 430 kilometers from the capital city of Dakar.

## Newport To Address Campus Ministers

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — John Newport, vice president for academic affairs and provost at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the featured speaker at the third annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers, June 10-11, at the Religion Center, University of Houston.

The meeting is one of several convening in conjunction with annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14, at the Summit in

Houston. Newport, who also teaches philosophy of religion at the seminary, will make three presentations. Other speakers include Wendell Belew of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and Louis R. Cobbs of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

The meeting gets underway at 3 p.m., Sunday June 10, and will convene sessions at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. on Monday.

## Price Accepts Pastorate Of Newly Formed Church

HIGH POINT, N. C. (BP) — E. W. (Buddy) Price Jr., who resigned recently as pastor of the 2,867-member Green Street Baptist Church of High Point, N. C., has accepted the pastorate of a newly organized congrega-

tion here to be known as the Grace Baptist Church.

Price and three staff members resigned at a church conference two weeks after the congregation approved 10 guidelines recommended by the deacons in response to the spread of the charismatic movement in High Point. The staff felt enforcement of the guidelines would create a restrictive situation.

The 58-year-old Price, who has been active in the state and national Southern Baptist work, earlier told the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina state Baptist paper, that he was not personally involved in speaking in tongues or with any movement that might be interpreted as outside the traditional ministry of Baptist churches.

"I am a Southern Baptist and want to remain in a Southern Baptist church," he said.

The new 300-member congregation, formed out of the Green Street Church, also has called the three staff members who resigned at the Green Street Church at the time Price did. They are Melvin B. Anderson, minister of religious education; James Davidson, minister of music, and James A. Purvis, minister of youth.

Plans call for the church, which was to hold its first worship service May 6th, to cooperate with the Central Baptist Association and the North Carolina and Southern Baptist Conventions.

The church has adopted a statement of "common commitment" at its first organization meeting. It reads, "We are committed to the building of a Southern Baptist church, a fellowship that is completely autonomous but cooperating with other Baptist churches in common missionary endeavors."

## National COM Rally Set At Pigeon Forge

The 1979 National Campers on Mission Rally will be held in the Smoky Mountains at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee near Knoxville and Gatlinburg on June 8-10.

Rushing mountain streams, lush forests, and deep spiritual enrichment will make the event a memorable experience. All camping families are invited whether or not members of Campers on Mission.

The location is Safari Camping Resort, Route 7, Wears Valley Road, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Telephone 615/453-2607. Campground fee is \$5.50 per night for two people, 50 cents extra for each additional person. \$1.00 per night for air conditioning. Fee includes electricity, water, sewer, table and swimming.

No advance deposit is necessary this year. Reservation should be made with Joel T. Land, Special Mission Ministries, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA. 30309. Include name and address, arrival date, departure date, number in party, and type of equipment.



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## Tuesday Afternoon, June 12 (The Summit)

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration—Alabama Singing Men, Paul M. Hall, director  
 2:30 Congregational Singing—Paul H. Stewart, Montgomery, AL, director  
 Scripture—John T. Simmons, Brantton, NY  
 Prayer—Mrs. Betty Greenwood, Tulsa, OK  
 2:45 Election of Officers  
 3:05 Report of Executive Committee (Final Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville, TN  
 3:45 Southern Baptist Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson III, Nashville, TN  
 3:55 Congregational Singing—Paul H. Stewart, Montgomery, AL, director  
 4:00 Business and Election of Officers  
 4:45 Benediction—Paul Y. Wong, Memphis, TN  
 Adjourn

## Tuesday Evening, June 12 (The Summit)

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration—The Singing Men of Texas, Robert Burton, guest director  
 7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, TN, director  
 Scripture—James L. Bunch, Mansfield, OH  
 Prayer—Miss Annie L. Ivey, Burlington, NC  
 7:45 Business and Election of Officers  
 8:00 Report of Six SBC Seminaries—William Pinson, Mill Valley, CA, presiding  
 8:20 Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville, TN  
 8:40 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, Nashville, TN  
 8:50 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, TN, director  
 8:55 Music—The Singing Men of Texas, Robert Burton, guest director  
 9:00 Speaker—Charles W. Colson, McLean, VA  
 9:30 Benediction—Benjamin Ortiz, Sr., Kansas City, KS  
 Adjourn

## Wednesday Morning, June 13 (The Summit)

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Choir, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, Harry Cowen, minister of music  
 9:30 Congregational Singing—Al Washburn, Mill Valley, CA, director  
 Scripture—Mrs. J. W. (Nell T.) Bowen III, Forsyth, GA  
 Prayer—Byron Mathis, Pascagoula, MS  
 9:45 Committee on Committees Report  
 9:50 Committee on Boards Report  
 9:55 Miscellaneous Business Report  
 10:25 Brotherhood Commission Report  
 10:35 Historical Commission Report—Lynn E. May Jr., Nashville, TN  
 10:45 Congregational Singing—Al Washburn, Mill Valley, CA, director  
 10:50 Music—Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, Harry Cowen, minister of music  
 10:55 Convention Sermon—William Hinson, New Orleans, LA  
 11:25 Business  
 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)  
 Miscellaneous Business  
 12:15 Benediction—Billy Whitt, Pontiac, MI  
 Adjourn

## No Sessions Wednesday Afternoon

## Wednesday Evening, June 13 (Astrodome)

- 6:30 Pre-service Music—Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Band, Lloyd Hawthorne and Greg Berry, directors  
 7:00 Bold Mission Thrust Rally  
 Music—8,000-Voice Choir, Cliff Barrows, Greenville, SC, director  
 Procession of Flags of Nations and States  
 Scripture  
 Prayer  
 Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, Atlanta, GA, and testimonies from home missions personnel  
 Congregational Singing—Cliff Barrows, Greenville, SC, director  
 Foreign Mission Board Report—Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, VA, and testimonies on evangelism and world hunger from Ronnie Boswell, Brazil, and John Cheyne, Richmond, VA  
 Missionary Dedication Service—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, TX, and Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, AL  
 Special Music—8,000-Voice Choir, Cliff Barrows, Greenville, SC, director  
 Message on Bold Mission Thrust—Billy Graham, Montreat, NC  
 9:00 Invitation to Missionary Service—Billy Graham  
 Adjourn

## Thursday Morning, June 14 (The Summit)

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—First Baptist Church Choirs, Bowling Green, KY, Carl Moman, minister of music  
 9:30 Congregational Singing—Frank Gonzalez, Houston, TX, director  
 Scripture—Jose Sanchez, Las Cruces, NM  
 Prayer—Mrs. Aurelia R. Downey, Washington, DC  
 9:45 Radio and Television Commission Report—Harold E. Martin, Fort Worth, TX  
 10:00 Annuity Board Report—Darold H. Morgan, Dallas, TX  
 10:10 Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, AL  
 10:20 Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report—Arthur L. Walker, Jr., Nashville, TN  
 10:25 Education Commission Report—Arthur L. Walker, Jr., Nashville, TN  
 10:35 Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, Nashville, TN  
 10:45 Congregational Singing  
 10:50 Business  
 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)  
 Miscellaneous Business  
 11:45 Address: Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, VA  
 12:15 Benediction—Glen Cantrell, Jefferson City, MO

## Thursday Afternoon, June 14 (The Summit)

- 1:30 Music for Inspiration—Evangelistic Singers  
 2:30 Congregational Singing—Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, AL, director  
 Scripture—Jerry Ritchie, Monroe, LA  
 Prayer—B. B. McGee, Ackerman, MO  
 2:45 Baptist World Alliance Report—Robert S. Denny, Washington, DC  
 2:55 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James E. Wood, Jr., Washington, DC  
 3:05 Address: Porter W. Routh, Nashville, TN  
 3:30 Miscellaneous Business and Reports  
 Committee on Baptist State Papers  
 Denominational Calendar Committee  
 4:30 Benediction—John H. Chafin, Sr., Dothan, AL  
 Adjourn

## Thursday Evening, June 14 (The Summit)

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration—Baylor University Choir, Euell Porter, director  
 7:25 Congregational Singing—Lanny Allen, San Antonio, TX, director  
 7:35 Speaker—Jerry Clower, Yazoo City, MS  
 8:00 Congregational Singing  
 8:15 Music—Baylor University Choir, Euell Porter, director  
 8:25 Speaker—Emmanuel Scott, Los Angeles, CA  
 9:00 Benediction—Adjourn  
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# Bold Mission Thrust Demands Teamwork

By Ray Grissett

May 21-27, 1979, has been designated as Associational Emphasis Week within the Southern Baptist Convention. It has also been adopted as the Mississippi Baptist Convention's time to emphasize this year's theme, "Associational Help Every Church in Bold Going, Growing, and Giving."

This theme attempts to define the associational work in light of Bold Mission Thrust goals and objectives. The very nature of these objectives—evangelizing and congregationalizing—demands teamwork. Churches working together can amass certain resources and talents not available to single congregations. It is through the local association that the church has an opportunity for expression in fellowship and also the privilege of receiving special training, inspiration, and guidance.

It is hoped that every church in Mississippi will take time during this week to emphasize the nature of the associational work within its own association, recognizing its associational leadership, and if possible, sharing with their leaders in a tangible way their appreciation for the untiring ministry that is afforded the churches and its members through the Director of Missions and the persons who work so closely with him in planning, promoting, and carrying out the Associational Program of work.

Each pastor and Director of Mis-

sions in the state will receive from the Cooperative Missions Department an Associational Emphasis Week poster which depicts the emphasis along with the picture of all of the Directors of Missions in our state which should be placed in a prominent place in the local church as well as the associational office for a reminder to be in prayer for the mission ventures of all the associations and the various efforts that are being made for our Lord in Mississippi.

It is hoped that through this observance the people of our state will become more aware of the association's strategic role in the Bold Missions Thrust. These directors and leaders are available for assistance in your local church. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board relies upon the Director of Missions and his leadership to assist us in carrying out our responsibilities to the local churches and we take this means to express gratitude to them for the fine work that they are doing.

A variety of promotional materials are available from the Associational Administration Service Department of the Home Mission Board in addition to the material that is being sent to the church and association from the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Among those which are available from the Home Mission Board are

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## The Missions Task

## It's Also Blessed To Receive

By Marjean Patterson, Executive Director, Mississippi WMU

All my life I've been taught—and I've taught—that "it's more blessed to give than to receive." After more than 20 years of encouraging Mississippi Baptists to give money to support missions, I'm still confident that those who give are blessed. But it works the other way, too.

Because the Lord has been so good to us in Mississippi by letting us have a long, noble Baptist heritage and by providing us with so many opportunities to assist other folks financially, it's a rare occurrence for us to be on the receiving end of a mission offering.

Recently I had occasion to know first-hand the emotional impact of being the "givee" rather than the "giver." At first I had a very strange feeling when the WMU leaders of the Northern Plains Convention announced in their WMU Houseparty they would be gathering a love offering for flood victims in Mississippi—"our friends in Mississippi" was the way they put it.

Ever since Dr. Chester Quarles first became interested in mission work in Montana, something like 20 years ago, we've been committed to a bond of helping with the WMU work in that part of the country. We've sent teams of women out to help train their WMU leaders, we've annually sent financial assistance for their work from WMU Special Day Offering, and our Mississippi Acteens who attend the National Acteens Conference this summer in Kansas City will be paired with Acteens from the Northern Plains and Hawaii.

So, for all these years we've given—and we've been so blessed. Now came an opportunity for women in the Northern Plains to be blessed because they've given. About 110 women gave a love offering of \$500.00 for disaster relief in Mississippi.

As I watched the offering being gathered, I began to understand that it's also a wonderful experience to be the recipient of the loving concern of friends from another part of the country.

A few days after we returned home from Billings, Dee Gilliland, WMU executive director for the Northern Plains Convention, called to see how everything was in Mississippi. Just before we said good-bye, she mentioned that the houseparty dietitian had prepared more sweet rolls than would be needed for breakfast the morning the ladies were heading back home. Since there were extra rolls, Dee suggested that the women take them along, to munch on them during their long journeys. It was then she learned that some of the women had put their lunch money in the mission offering the previous night and the sweet rolls would be most welcome at noon.

Maybe they were more blessed because they gave—but some Mississippi folks who are going to use what the Northern Plains women gave probably won't think so!

# ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK

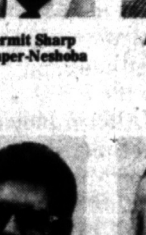
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# The Baptist Record

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## Editorials

### The Lonely Task . . .

## Flood Victims Still Need Help

The lonely work of putting a ruined house back into shape to make it livable goes on daily in Jackson, and the owners of those houses see this work continuing throughout the summer. These are people who spend eight hours a day at their jobs in order to keep making mortgage payments, and then they go out to the shells of their homes to do what they can. They are the flood victims.

They have completely gutted their residences. It is as if new houses are in the process of construction. Now they are disinfecting what is left inside and cleaning and disinfecting the outside walls.

Water marks show on the exposed studs. The fortunate ones had water five to seven feet in their homes. In those cases the ceilings were saved. It

is difficult to imagine water standing higher than the tallest of us in the living room of what had been a very comfortable home.

"The hardest part of it all is having to throw away treasured possessions," said one victim. "This is when you realize that material possessions are only temporal," he said. "The only lasting hope is in the Lord, and without that we have nothing anyway."

It is a sad experience to drive down the streets where the water stood to the eaves of the houses just a few weeks ago. Sheetrock, insulation, and belongings are still piled high beside the streets, and huge trucks are carting them off. The streets are ruined, and driving has to be undertaken with care.

The houses are only shells, but the

owners are there, sometimes with a friend or two, trying to do something to make things right again.

They need help. They need money now, and they will need manpower just a little later. There will be many thousands of sheets of sheetrock to be hung. The task is beyond comprehension.

Help needs to be organized before it arrives. Electricians, carpenters, drywall workers, and helpers will be needed; but they need to be organized into crews so that there can be efficiency. Someone needs to be in charge of each crew.

The volunteers may check directly with the affected churches if they like, or they can clear the needs with David Myers of the Hinds-Madison Association office. They need to know where to go and what to do. And don't forget

those churches with sizeable needs outside the Hinds-Madison Association area.

The Baptist Record will continue to point out the needs for help for the flood victims. It will be easy to forget them and ignore their needs. We must not do that. We might get tired of reading about their needs, but we who were not affected will not be nearly so tired as will be those who lost everything and will be out night after night trying to put something together again.

They will not even be living at home for weeks yet.

And here is a salute to those many compassionate families which have invited flood victims to move in with them. This is not an easy thing, but it is a service beyond measure. Surely they are due the gratitude of all of us.

### A Godly Influence . . .

## Mother's Day And The Children's Village

In his second letter to Timothy Paul wrote: "I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

It would seem that the influence of two mothers had a profound effect on one who was to become such a joy in the life of the great apostle. First a dynamic faith in Christ was to be found in the life of Lois, and her influence made this same faith a reality in the life of her daughter, Eunice. Timothy made this same kind of faith the

stockpile of his own life because of the influence of his mother and grandmother.

What a tremendous influence mothers have on the affairs of life. In many instances children are molded into what they are to become or have been molded into what they have become through the influence of their mothers. There is no measuring the extent of the heritage that is passed on from a mother when that influence leads a child to build his life around a faith in Christ. This is a decision relating to eternity. It is an inescapable decision, and blessed is the child who is led to make the right choice.

As Mother's Day is approaching we must pause to pay tribute to those godly mothers who have meant so much to the Kingdom of God through their influence over their children.

Sunday is their day, and they need to be remembered.

And may this day also serve to remind those mothers who have not been as diligent as need be in expressing their influence of faith that time rushes on and their opportunities for such expression will have moved past all too quickly. It is never too early to begin a witness of faith.

### Children's Village Offering

This is Christian Home Week, and it will be culminated in Mother's Day on Sunday. It is fitting that this week leads to a traditional observation by Mississippi Baptists, and that is the annual offering on Mother's Day for the Baptist Children's Village.

We as Mississippi Baptists are, in

effect, the parents, at least temporarily, of some 400 children who are the recipients of the ministry of the Children's Village. This endeavor is, as everything else, being squeezed by inflation's tentacles. More money is coming in than ever before, but its buying power is getting smaller and smaller.

Elsewhere in this issue Executive Director Paul Nunnery has detailed much of the Village's ministry and needs. In calling attention to his writing there is also the need to strongly urge that churches remember this annual emphasis and that the members of the churches give to the Children's Village in a worthwhile manner.

We really have no choice but to do so if we are to keep faith with the children for whom we have promised to provide while they are under our care.

### Guest Opinion . . .

## Ordination By Non-Baptists

By Robert A. Baker

This is the third in a series of four articles on ordination. In the first two, Dr. Wayne Ward has presented the scriptural teachings on this subject. This article deals with the principles of ordination followed by non-Baptist denominations, while the next one will examine how Baptists have historically viewed ordination.

### Some Limitations for this Study

In a brief article like this it becomes necessary to include only the broad fundamentals of ordination as conceived by non-Baptists. By ordination is meant the method by which Christian bodies designate and qualify their ministers. The principal area of this discussion is the ordination of the local pastor (designated by various titles in different denominations), since this is the most relevant background for the next article on Baptists. This uncluttered Baptist terminology does not always capture the clerical distinctions developed by some Christian groups, but it will be adequate to lay a foundation for a discussion of Baptist ordination. Such a brief overview must necessarily include sweeping historical summaries, but any statements can be readily documented.

### Two Views of Ordination

Non-Baptist ordination may be discussed in two categories: the sacramental view and the evangelical. The sacramental view of ordination conceives that in the designation of a person for pastoral ministry in the local church, the ceremony itself supernaturally and effectively transforms

the candidate in both his character and his authority. This transformation is effected through the administration of stated church officials who are authorized to qualify the candidate for a new and authoritative religious vocation. The evangelical view of ordination, on the other hand, conceives that the candidate has already received from God his spiritual character and qualifications for ministry before he comes to the ordination ceremony. The ordination itself becomes a public dedication and a recognition by the candidate's Christian community that he is equipped to function in a certain kind of ministry.

The most striking example of the sacramental view of ordination and one that has greatly influenced the thinking of other denominations is the Roman Catholic Church. The pattern that this church has developed through the centuries is the archetype for most sacramental ordinations.

### Roman Catholic Ordination

Originally a bishop was one of several pastors in a local congregation, but in the historical development of the Roman Catholic Church he became the territorial administrator supervising the work of all congregations in a given geographical area. This eminent position by the bishops was developed partly because of their gifts for leadership, partly because of their courageous devotion to the Christian witness in times of vicious secular persecution, and partly because in the controversy with the heresy known as Gnosticism, the view was put forth that these bishops through their ordination had acquired special powers granted to them as the historical successors of the apostles. To secure this succession (and authority), quite early a new bishop was required to be installed in office through the laying on of hands by at least one bishop who himself was in the line of succession from the apostles; and by the end of the third century, at least three such bishops with episcopal succession were necessary to perform the act. The emphasis on historical succession and the unique power acquired in ordination of the pastor and subsequent consecration of the bishop have become the marks of sacramental ordination.

Thus, the original ordination of a bishop as a local pastor developed into a ceremony of consecration into the new territorial office. He then became the superior officer who controlled the ordination of the local pastors (known as presbyters in the New Testament, but given the name of priests by the fourth century because of the sacramental nature of their functions), as

well as other officers of the local congregation. These additional local church officers were ordained by the bishop to a specific function, such as Porter, Lector, Exorcist, and Acolyte, and many of them were subsequently ordained again into the priesthood so that they could function as pastor of the local congregation.

By the time of the Protestant Reformation, ordination in the Roman Catholic Church demanded: (1) a proper authority (the Church); (2) a proper administrator (a bishop with historical episcopal succession); (3) a proper intention (to qualify and set apart a person for ministry); and (4) a proper form (anointing and laying on of hands by those in apostolic succession). Consecration of a bishop demanded at least three other bishops who had been properly consecrated, and, in addition, required papal approval. The ordination itself imprinted on the candidate's soul an indelible mark or character which endures forever. Should the candidate subsequently leave the priesthood, it was judged that he either had not truly been made a priest through some error in the ordination or that he had become mentally unbalanced. Through ordination the candidate was given power to transform bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, thus reenacting the sacrifice of the cross; to bless anyone or anything; to rule a portion of God's flock; to preach the Word of God; and to administer the sacraments of baptism, penance (when he had jurisdiction), matrimony, and extreme unction, in addition to Mass.

### Other Denominations with Sacramental Ordination

The three principal denominations practicing sacramental ordination were directly related to the Roman Catholic episcopal development just sketched. In the eastern world, the same sort of sacramental ordination was followed, with some liturgical and ecclesiastical deviations. The Eastern Orthodox Church, with many nationalistic branches, broke with the Roman Catholic Church of the West in 1054, but continued in the sacramental-type ordination it had followed historically for many centuries.

The Church of England turned away from Roman Catholic suzerainty in 1534, although the antecedents to this action were deeply imbedded in medieval British history. Church and state were united in the sovereign, and by the Elizabethan settlement of 1559 the Church of England and its extensions in the Dominions assumed the structural and doctrinal forms that characterize this Church today. These

forms included, among other things, sacramental ordination, which conferred spiritual and ecclesiastical gifts. In the ordination of the ministry the Anglican Church, of course, emphasized a qualified administrator — one who was in the historic episcopate through regular succession from the primitive church.

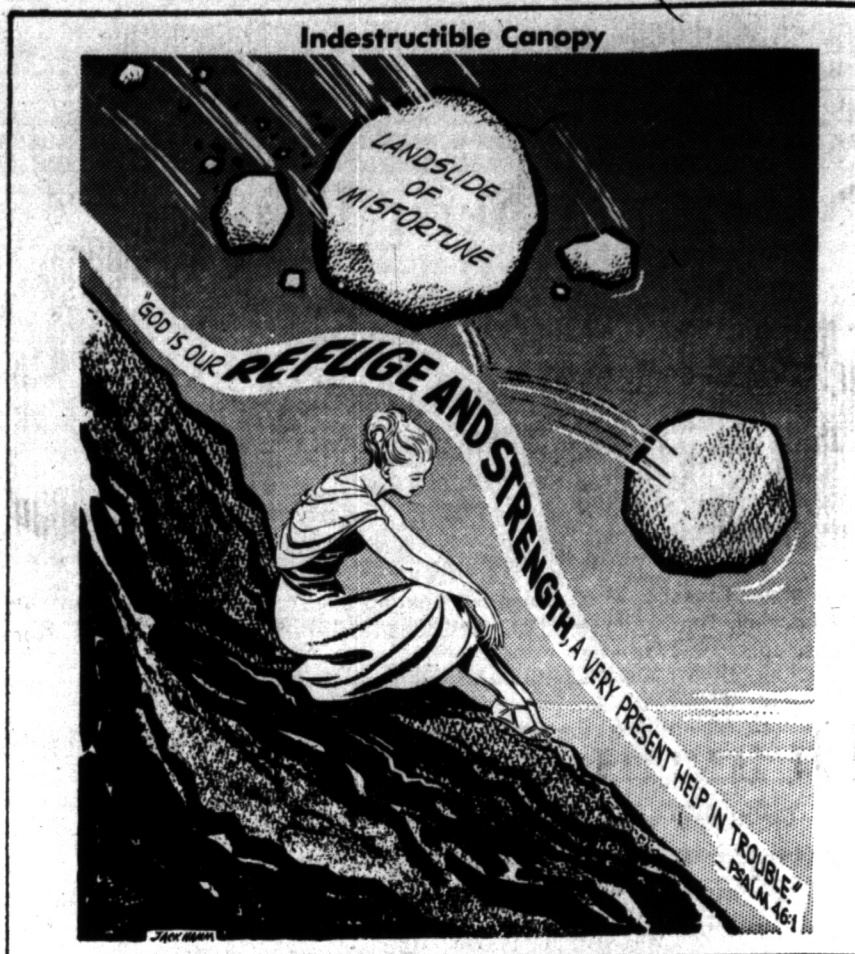
The third principal body holding to sacramental ordination is the Protestant Episcopal Church in America. This Church was formed from Church of England constituents in America after the Revolutionary War because the new political relationship demanded the organization of an indigenous church in America. This American church continued the practice of sacramental ordination by securing episcopal succession both from the Nonjuror Scottish bishops and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Thus, the three "Catholic" bodies — Roman, Orthodox, and Anglican, and their related groups — maintained the necessity of historical episcopal succession and authoritative hierarchical supervision in order to provide validity for those ordained to their ministry. The influence of their ideas and practices can be glimpsed in the thinking of many other Christian denominations whose ordinations, although basically evangelical, reflect sacramental concepts.

### Evangelical Ordination

In a word, the reformers Martin Luther and John Calvin discarded the sacramental approach to ordination. Both struck a strong blow at the entire Roman Catholic structure by denying that ordination was a sacrament that transformed the candidate in character and authority. Historical succession and the unique power of the ordaining bishop were eliminated. It is interesting to observe that Calvin named the officers of the local church as pastors, teachers, elders (who were laymen), and deacons. The influence of this on Baptists will be noted in the next article.

The true Anabaptists differed from Luther and Calvin concerning ordination. While Luther and Calvin discarded sacramental ordination and theoretically practiced the priesthood of all believers, many have interpreted them to teach that some type of charismatic gift is received by the candidate at the ordination service. The Anabaptists, on the contrary, eliminated any juridical concept of ordination, and held that all charismatic and spiritual gifts of the minister were received in a direct and personal experience with Christ prior to ordination. This seeming minimizing of the ordination itself caused Luther, for



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### Only One Mother

I guess I've done Mama an injustice, thinking she's a pessimist, because she's always worrying and seeming to expect the worst. The more I think about it though, her words make her sound like a pessimist, but her actions show her to be just the opposite.

In years when we had no car she never said "We'll stay home from Sunday School this morning because we can't walk six miles." She told Betty and me to get ready and maybe Miss Mattie Dean or Mr. Clyde Sanders or somebody would stop to take us. Of course she got ready too and encouraged Daddy to go ahead and take the job as Sunday School director — superintendent they called it then.

Second week of August would come, and annual revival time. Mama would say, "I just can't invite the preachers this time. I'll never get the house cleaned up, and I don't have a thing to cook." But all the time she would be planning the menu and cleaning the house from top to bottom, sweeping down walls and mopping floors. I'm glad she persevered in this, because that way I got to talk to a lot of preachers and evangelists and missionaries firsthand and they left some fairly deep impressions on my thinking. It was Brother Raymond Stuckey who after one of Mama's suppers encouraged me to choose a Baptist college and who helped me to get several scholarships there.

Mama could take an inexpensive piece of cloth and make a dress that looked like it came from Paris. I've seen her create a blouse from a feed sack that looked better than some I've seen in stores lately for \$30. She had no trouble making my little blonde sister look all dressed up and pretty in her Sunday outfits — but Mama had to be pretty optimistic to try to model her creations on her eldest — namely me. I was always spilling something on my new dress or falling down and tearing it.

"Don't go to Japan. I hear of so

many plane crashes," Mama begged me. Then I found an envelope she had left on my dresser, with a little gift of spending money, and a note, "Don't pay attention to me. Have a good time." So she really believed I'd get to the Baptist World Alliance after all.

"Don't go to Europe. The ship might sink. What if someone gets sick here, or you get sick while you're there?" But she helped me pack, and wrote letters to me saying, "I'm praying that the Lord will take care of us here and you there, and I believe He will."

Daddy always did the most of the driving, so Mama had not gotten a driver's license, but after his death she saw she must get one. "I'll never pass that test," she said, but she memorized the manual, and she took the test. Because Mama was driving an antiquated car, one patrolman was determined, it appeared, not to grant her a license. But Mama was not about to give up. Finally Uncle Roy, who was deputy sheriff, called and told her, "There's another patrolman giving the tests today. Hurry!" She hurried — and with that patrolman she passed the test.

I remember a good many years ago when she was WMU president she said, "It looks like we might as well give up. We are down to three members." But she had no intention of quitting, and of course the WMU there did not die. Mama is prayer support chairman now. Last week she wrote me that the East Liberty associational WMU in Alabama is collecting sheets and towels to send to flood victims in Jackson, and her church's WMU, I'll feel sure, will cooperate in that effort.

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world. — Kate Douglas Wiggin

Mama, you are one of a kind — and I love you! Happy Mother's day!

## Letters To The Editor

### Revival At Potts Camp

Dear Editor:

The First Baptist Church of Potts Camp is experiencing wonderful revival. Since the last week in February over 38 souls have professed Christ as Lord and Saviour. Others have made dedication commitments. One of our deacons, Davie Guess, surrendered to the gospel ministry. My own son, Marty K. Cooper, was born again and surrendered his life to the gospel. (See "Names in the News" column.) God has been saving folks in their homes alone with God; others have been saved in the worship services and after the services were over. The revival has spread into the Methodist Church across the street; at least seven have been saved this week in their revival meeting. Our revival meeting started April 15 with Kara Blackard of Beulah Church, Myrtle, as evangelist.

Alvis K. Cooper, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Potts Camp, MS 38659

### Needed!

The Student Department is most desirous of obtaining for our historical

example, to call their itinerant ministers "unbidden and uncommissioned."

Ordination in the Congregational Church followed Calvinistic evangelical principles. Method ordination practices have been discussed extensively because in 1784 John Wesley, a presbyter or priest of the Church of England, ordained Thomas Coke into what became the office of bishop in the Methodist Church. In a totally non-sacramental view, of course, this would make little difference.

In the next article, the influence of some of these views on Baptist ordination will be noted.

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files these programs: State Student Convention, 1924 through 1942, inclusive; State Spring Retreat, 1947 and earlier plus 1950 and 1956; All-Southern Baptist Student Conference 1930, Atlanta, and 1934, Memphis.

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Ralph B. Winders

### Ripley Anniversary

Editor:

The First Baptist Church, Ripley, will celebrate its 141st birthday July 1, 1979. In preparation the Church Historical Committee is collecting biographical data on as many of the former pastors as possible.

To accomplish this we need help on several of the early pastors and would be most grateful if The Baptist Record readers would help us. Please address all correspondence to the Historical Committee, First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 367, Ripley, Mississippi 38663.

Material is needed on the following:

Pastor	Years served at Ripley
A. B. Boothe	1848-1849
J. S. Morton	1850-1853
W. H. Holcombe	1853-1858
A. G. Parrot	1874
J. D. Daars	1891
Josephus C. Swaim	1894-1897
B. R. Hughey	1897-1899
Jesse Dee Franks	1910-1912
E. J. Hill	1914
G. S. Jenkins	1915-1918
W. J. Derrick	1919

Thank you for your help.  
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Bangkok, Thailand, TV Channel 5, "Sharing Life" show — Second from left, Charles Hull, Third from left, Donald Phlegar, Southern Baptist missionary from Mississippi.

## Deacon Flies . . .

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He told her, "I don't know where I am, but I know where I'm supposed to be." Though he had readjusted his route 11 times, he checked with two jets above him and they said he was exactly on course.

Hull is owner of a grain elevator in Winona and chairman of the Budget Committee at First Church, Winona, where David Pratt is pastor. His brother, W. M. Hull, is pastor of churches in Montgomery and Carroll County.

He started flying in World War II, when he was pilot of a heavy bomber, but has had his own plane for only six years. As practice for this trip he had flown to Alaska and to most countries of South America.

Missionaries whose homes he visited included Harold and Gloria Wheeler in Brazil; Rachel DuBard (from Carroll County) and Margaret Fairburn in Liberia; Bryant and Ina Durham in Upper Volta; James and Gena Hampton in Kenya; Judson and Harriet Lennon in Thailand; Ray and Kathy Frye in Singapore; and Harry and Frances Raley in Taiwan. He took a side trip to Japan on a commercial airline and visited Max and Flora Love and Fred and Elvée Horton. Many of these he had seen on their furloughs earlier in the year, and discussed plans for his visits. He met quite a few other missionaries, though he did not visit all their homes.

At Christmas time he delivered his gifts of food to villages in the Upper Volta, where drought has caused a lot of hunger. He took some canned and dried foods from Winona and bought more in Monrovia, plus 1000 pounds of rice, and left these with four missionary families for distribution.

"When we stopped in a village of 30 to 40," he recalls, "we would be surrounded in just a few minutes when they realized we had rice to give away."

As he flew over Kenya at one point he could see both snowcapped Mt. Kenya and Mt. Kilimanjaro at the same time. The high points of his trip, he said, were in Kenya and in Singapore. He

went on a safari, but that did not mean as much to him as visiting rural churches in Kenya with the missionary, Will Roberts. An association in the area had split and a meeting was being held to try to get the churches back together (and was successful). "There was much hand clapping and drum beating, and a song jamboree with nine choirs."

In Singapore he heard a speaker who came from the highlands of Vietnam, who told that in the village from which he came 95% of the people were Christians.

The low point of the trip was in Zaire, he remembers, where he found no gasoline at the airstrip, but had to take 2/3 of a day to find a pick-up and pay a man to bring the gas so he could refuel.

In Hawaii he spoke at the Waikiki Church. He told the people about being in the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson (Children's Village) when he was 8 and 9 years old — when the orphanage was on Woodrow Wilson and Bailey Avenue. He attended the Davis Memorial Church then which later became Crestwood. While he was talking about Davis Memorial, a voice from the choir behind him excitedly interrupted, "My father was pastor there at that time!" It was the wife of the pastor of the Waikiki Church, Mrs. Charles Jolly. Memories of those years are pleasant, he said.

He stopped one or more times in the Bahamas, Surinam, Brazil, Liberia, Upper Volta, Zaire, Kenya, Sudan, Egypt, U.A.E., India, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia (Bali), Australia (Perth, Kalgoorlie, Melbourne, Ayers Rock, Alice Springs, and Darwin), Philippines, Taiwan, Mariannas Island, Marshall Islands, and Hawaii. The Durhams sent Sue a brass manger scene from Upper Volta.

Sue said, "I was worried but I asked the Lord to take care of Charles and He did."

Hull said, "The trip was well-researched, and it exceeded all my expectations." He made movies along the way and expects to be talking about world missions for a long time to come.

# Baptist Churches Provide Financial Aid For Victims

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fect. In Briarwood Drive membership there were nine families. Ridgecrest had seven.

Of the other churches in the Jackson area which were not represented at the breakfast, Calvary had seven families flooded, Parkway had two, and Northminster had 16. In Rankin County the Richland Church by Monday had found 60 families flooded and was still counting. This church was sending representatives from door to door throughout the entire area and getting the names of every family, Baptist or not, with flood damage. Then comparisons were made with church rolls to find out which ones had even the slightest Baptist connection. Richland had not determined what its needs would be until its count was complete.

Colonial Heights knew its needs were massive and would be for some time to come. Pastor Len Turner said it would be Christmas before all of the church families would be back to normal. He anticipates that it will take all summer just to get the houses put back into livable shape.

The church has no funds with which to help its members and few unaffected members from which to draw such funds. His response to a question as to the greatest need was money. Close behind in importance was manpower.

### Drying Time

The manpower need must wait for drying time, however, which minister of education Bob Rowell estimated would be another week. In the meantime, there will be no need for manpower unless funds are available to buy material, he indicated.

The church has established two funds. One is a designated fund that would allow contributors to provide money for certain families. The other is a general fund from which any family will be able to draw.

Ridgecrest initially provided \$350 per family for its flood victims. The church made its gymnasium available to the flooded families for the storage of furniture. John Marshall, minister of education, said it was felt that the church would be able to take care of the needs of its flooded families, but he said their efforts are turning up many people who have no church relationship and have no basis for this sort of outside help. "There is a desperate need here," he said.

Northminster Church in Jackson had about 16 families affected by the flood, but a spokesman said that perhaps half of those would be able to take care of their own needs. The other half will struggle, he said, but will be able to get their houses back in livable shape with help from the church.

Northminster took an offering for the flood victims, and officials tried to see that it was used in the areas of the greatest need. "This was not always a home," one said. "The hardest blows suffered in our church, perhaps, were the losses in businesses."

First Baptist Church of Flowood had 14 families flooded. The pastor, Marcus Alexander, said the primary need of those who have suffered the damage is money. The church did have some money available for the victims, "but it was not enough." The total membership includes about 150 families, and they are mostly working people, Alexander said.

### Need for Food

As well as money there is a need for food, he continued. Many of the people had freezers in which the total food supply was ruined. He indicated that the churches of Rankin County are planning to have a food collection on May 20 for the Rankin County Baptists who lost food in the flood.

Eastside Church in Pearl had five families which had damage to their homes, and one member lost his business. The church of about 175 families took an offering of \$1,500 which was divided among the flood victims.

An interesting sidelight was the effort undertaken at the Hopewell Church which prevented any loss of personal belongings of members. As the waters began to rise the deacons all took off from work and began to carry out furniture and possessions. They did it on foot, by four-wheel drive vehicles, and finally by boat; but they saved everything.

Early this week efforts to contact members of the Pearl Valley Church in Copiah Association had been unsuccessful. At least two members of the Palestine Church in Simpson Association were affected, according to Mrs. William Reeves of Crystal Springs, who is a member of the Hopewell Church. She said the bridge across the river into Simpson Association was washed out, and she could get no further information.

At Monticello there was no flooding in members' homes, but there was a great deal of business loss. Those other than Baptists did sustain damage, however, and the plea is for clothing and food. These contributions can be handled through the Red Cross, a spokesman said.

### Cleanup Operations

In the meantime, cleanup operations were still going on in Jackson late last week. There were no outside volunteers helping in the Colonial Heights area. Neighbors who had just about finished were helping those who were not so far along, but the only volunteers were friends and co-workers of those affected.

Whether there will be volunteers to help in the restoration remains to be seen. Turner said crews would need to have an electrician, a couple of drywall workers, a carpenter or two, and some helpers.

Those who have finished tearing out all of the inside walls are running fans night and day and praying for sunny weather to speed up the drying. Their houses are only shells. Only the outside walls and the studs for inside partitions are standing. Furniture and clothes have been picked up by giant dump trucks along with soggy insulation and crumbled sheetrock.

### Clearing Point

Down the river at Georgetown there has been a great deal of activity also. Mrs. Allbritton said that First Baptist Church has served as a clearing point for a large part of the effort. Most of the damage was in the black community, where 14 homes were flooded. If the community could get some mobile homes from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, recovery would be well on its way, she said. She gave a great deal of credit to the Red Cross and the Salvation Army for their efforts in easing the plight of those who had suffered losses.

She said all the Sunday School rooms at First Baptist Church were used as an emergency operations center, and people lined up for blocks for the benefits that were available. Many local volunteers pitched in, she said, to relieve Red Cross officials in some of their duties so that those officials could go on to other tasks. The city water supply was lost, and food was a problem for awhile. As much as possible the residents cooked food in their own homes for those in need. In addition, food was collected by churches in Hazlehurst and taken to Georgetown by trucks. Helping out in this operations, she indicated, were the Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, Westside Baptist Church, and Shady Grove Baptist Church. A layman, Harold McCaull, coordinated a great deal of the effort through the radio station, she said.

In the Galilee community there were about 15 homes flooded, according to Mrs. Wilton Spitchley of Hazlehurst, who is a member there. A great deal of the damage was to floors, carpets, and paneling. One of those affected was Mrs. Hattie Little, who is in her 70's.

Pearl Valley Church in Copiah County has only about 18 families in its membership, so the two families who lost their homes in the flood amount to a significant percentage of the membership. Pastor E. N. Sullivan said that one of the families would be able to restore his house without any additional help. The other is Copiah County Sheriff Earl Guess, whose family such tragedy has hit for the second time in less than six months. His home in Georgetown burned on Thanksgiving. He had moved his family into new quarters, only to have the flood wipe out all of his possessions again. In addition, Sullivan pointed out that a son was killed recently in a hunting accident.

### 9 or 10 Houses

In the Hopewell community there were 9 or 10 houses flooded, Pastor Riley Ainsworth said. He said that in the parsonage the paneling had been cut about three feet from the floor and all of the insulation taken out. He said that the church will borrow money to repair the parsonage, but others in the community need financial help. He said a fund had been established at the Mississippi Bank in Crystal Springs for flood relief of the Hopewell residents. Ainsworth is living in a camper at the home of the chairman of deacons, Jackie Bailey. He is hoping to get a HUD trailer soon. He said the community could use some physical help in the cleanup and repair; but as has been the case with everyone else, the plea was, "Send money."

On down at Columbia there was little severe damage to homes; but there was damage to businesses, as was the case everywhere. First Church Pastor J. Roy McComb said towns people are now taking a different view of the First Church members. Traditionally, he indicated, First Baptist members in smaller cities have been thought to be "uppity," but views have changed in Columbia. The First Church members were working to do what ever was necessary, such as evacuating the nursing home. There were many opportunities to witness, McComb said.

"Back in Jackson, Woodland Hills spokesmen said the church is planning to take care of the needs of the 32 families who were flooded to whatever extent is possible and for as long as is necessary. A fund has been established, and the church is involved with those affected in the cleanup operation. As was the case in most instances, the clothing that was brought in was more than was needed.

Broadmoor is working with its flooded families by taking light lunches to the houses every day. When the families are ready to move back in, the church plans to furnish a box of grocery staples for each one.

Briarwood Drive has established a relief offering and is collecting groceries.

### Determine Needs

First Baptist Church planned a session this past Sunday evening for working out distribution systems and to determine needs. They are asking the victims who are members of First Church to fill out questionnaires so that their needs can be known.

Colonial Heights used a telephone

survey and reached 60 per cent of their affected families with questions.

In Jackson there were 16,000 people affected by the flood. The Red Cross has spent \$1.3 million in flood relief in Mississippi since Easter Sunday. Of that amount, \$800,000 has been spent in Jackson, a spokesman said.

There is a possibility that motor homes and camper trailers would be welcomed by many families so that they could live at their homes in order to get more work done, one breakfast participant declared. Another pointed out that some youth choirs are cancelling summer missions trips and are planning to donate the budgeted money to flood relief.



Colonial Heights member Howard Kerce continues the clean up operation around his house in the disaster area in Jackson. Water stood five feet deep in his house. Kerce is operations manager for the J. C. Penney store in Jackson. In the background helping him is Noel Reed, who went from house to house helping Penney employees.



The interior of the Kerce home is gutted with all floor covering removed and only the studs for partitions standing. Hundreds of homes in the area had to be reduced to this condition for the drying out process.

## Baptist Work In Zambia Growing Amid Tensions

By Mary Jane Welch

LUSAKA, Zambia (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries in this Central African country are more concerned about their need for additional missionary personnel than about travel difficulties stemming from Zimbabwe/Rhodesian bombings of guerrilla camps here.

Church growth continues, and the missionaries have made an urgent appeal for an evangelistic missionary couple to work in the Chipata area of Eastern Province, says Franklin A. Kilpatrick from Texas, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

Although no apparent danger exists in the areas where Southern Baptist missionaries work, some incidents of hostility on the Great East Road between Lusaka and Chipata have caused missionaries in the Eastern Province to travel to the capital by air rather than land. The incidents were attributed to tensions which appear to stem from the bombings.

Missionary Leroy Albright from Kentucky, who teaches a Bible school

### Alta Woods Holds First Arts Festival

Alta Woods Church, Jackson, is holding its first art festival May 9-11.

The choir and drama group presented "Beginnings" by Beryl Red on Wednesday evening and will give a repeat performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10.

On Thursday, the 10th, and Friday, May 11, arts and crafts will be displayed in the church's fellowship hall.

Friday, May 11, an organ and voice recital will be presented by Bobbie Hughes Smith and Gary Anglin at 7:30 p.m. Included on the program will be Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in C Minor"; "Toccata" from Symphony No. 5 by Widor; and hymn tune arrangements by contemporary composers. Anglin, a tenor, will sing "Four Hymns" for tenor and viola by Ralph Vaughn-Williams, early American gospel songs, and arias from "La Boheme" and "Carmen." The public is invited.

for pastors and church leaders in Petauke, 100 miles from Chipata, has been trying to work with the eight to ten churches in the Chipata area. "They are young churches," he says, "and if we don't get somebody to help them soon, we may lose them."

Also in Petauke, Delos D. Brown, agricultural missionary from Louisiana, continues farm development with an emphasis on seed production. At Kalwa Farm in the Serenje District, agricultural missionary Thomas A. Waddill from Virginia seeks to meet physical and spiritual needs. With the help of a Zambian couple, Rev. and Mrs. Moses Chimfupa, Waddill and his wife Lucille, a North Carolinian, provide evangelistic coverage of their area and the Cooper-belt Province while other missionaries are on furlough.

In Lusaka, Baptists have established a church within the boundary of the State Lodge, home of Zambian President Kenneth D. Kaunda and his family. "When the president heard that the church on his farm was a Baptist church," Kilpatrick says, "he was delighted and welcomed the idea."

With the exception of the suspended missionary meeting and one week when expatriates were advised not to go downtown, Baptist work has not been interrupted in Lusaka, Kilpatrick says. Baptists operate a seminary, a publications house, a communications center, a music ministry, Theological Education by Extension classes, and other ministries there.

In Livingstone, on the Zambezi River border with Zimbabwe/Rhodesia, a Bible study center opened in August by missionaries Lonnie and Fran Turner from Kentucky has already resulted in the starting of four home Bible study groups.

### Belmont 'Reasons' Set Auditions

Auditions for the 1979-80 Belmont REASONS are being held through May 15, according to Robert E. Mulloy, musical director for the REASONS.

The REASONS are a musical public relations troupe for Belmont College, Nashville, consisting of 13 college young people.

## Mississippi Baptist Activities

- May 15 Associational Planning Workshop, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (PD)
- May 17 Seminar for Women, FBC, Oxford, 10 a.m.-2 p.m./6:30-9:00 p.m. (WMU)
- May 18 Leadership Training Workshop, Baptist Building, Jackson, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. (EVAN)
- May 18-19 Retreat for the Mentally Retarded: Their Parents and Workers, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 4:00 p.m., 18th — 4:00 p.m., 19th (CT)
- May 18-19 Interpreters' Workshop, Baptist Building, Jackson, 7:00 p.m., 18th — 3:30 p.m., 19th (CoMi)
- May 19 GA Super Saturday, North Oxford Baptist Church, Oxford, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (WMU)

## Staggs Will Lead Seminar On 'Woman In The Bible'

Frank and Evelyn Staggs will lead a seminar on "Woman in the Bible" at Calvary Church, Jackson, May 13-15. It will be for both men and women, of all ages.

Staggs, senior professor of New Testament studies at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will preach at three services at the church Sunday, May 13, at 8:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m., and 7 p.m. He and his wife will lead a seminar with adults during Church Training, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Monday, May 14, and Tuesday, May 15, the Staggs will lead seminars mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Evelyn and Frank Staggs

Both Evelyn and Frank Staggs are natives of Louisiana and graduates of Louisiana College. They are co-authors of *Woman in the World of Jesus*. He has done advanced study at Southern Seminary; Union Theological Seminary; University of Edinburgh, Scotland; University of Basel, Switzerland; and University of Tuebingen, Germany. She has done graduate work at WMU Training School, Louisville; Northwestern University; and Tulane.

He is the author of several books on New Testament subjects and has contributed to Bible commentaries and other publications.

Persons are requested to pre-register for the seminar. Morning and evening sessions Monday and Tuesday will be identical. Preschool care will be provided for all sessions and child care will be provided in the gym evenings for grades 1-6.

### BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

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"Fear thou not; for I am with thee" (Isa. 41:10).





## The Bible Book Study Series

# Jesus' Cross And Ours

By J. Roy McComb, First, Columbia  
Mark 7:24-8:38

### I. DIVINE MIRACLES AND HUMAN RESPONSE

#### 1. The Faith of The Syrophenician Woman

From the district of Galilee Jesus passed over into foreign territory. He went into Tyre and Sidon. The motive for this withdrawal was doubtless two-fold: one, the growing opposition of the Jews; two, for the purpose of seclusion. By the time, Jesus arrived a crowd apparently had gathered. His story is not concerned with the crowd but with one person, a woman who had faith, a Gentile woman. She had a daughter who had an unclean spirit. This may have been her only child. She came to Jesus in behalf of her daughter, pleading for relief. She came as a grieving person.

The attitude of Jesus is a bit astonishing. It appears that He was a bit harsh. He certainly refused to help her at first, saying that His mission was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. The determination of the woman persuaded Jesus to hear her request. However, in the statement of Jesus to her there is a ray of hope even for the Gentiles. When He says in verse 27, "Let the children first be filled" the word "first" would indicate that indeed the Gentiles were included, but not yet. However, the faith of this woman captivated the faithfulness of Jesus. He responded to her need and healed her child. It seems to me that this incident teaches us that firm faith will be triumphant.

#### 2. The Healing of a Deaf Mute (7:31-37)

The path of Jesus moves now to Decapolis on the east of the Sea of Galilee. He had been there before and people had asked Him to leave (v. 17) but the healed and converted Gadarene had done some good evangelism and the people's attitude toward Jesus was now changed. Only Mark tells this.

This man had a double affliction. He was deaf and had an impediment in his speech. This word, one word in the Greek, means that he had a stammer so bad that he was practically dumb. It seems to me that this is symbolic in many ways of those who are spiritually diseased. A man who cannot or will not listen to God cannot speak for God. Sin renders spiritually inoperative all of our faculties in behalf of God. Let's observe the seven details in reference to the words of Jesus as He ministered to this man. First, he took him aside. Jesus wanted to be alone with the man. What Jesus does for anyone is personal. Two, He put His fingers into His ears. This act was symbolic. Jesus could not speak to the deaf man so He acted His intentions by putting His fingers into the affected organs. Three, He spat. Jesus probably spat in His left hand and used the saliva with His right forefinger. Four, He touched his tongue. The saliva from the tongue of the deliverer was brought into contact with the tongue of the deaf man. This act too was symbolic. Jesus transferred from Himself power to loosen the man's tongue. Five, He looked up into heaven. This was a habit with Jesus. Prayer was a way of life for Him. Six, He groaned or sighed. Seven, "be open." Jesus used an Aramaic word, directed to both the mouth and ears of the man, for both needed to be unbarred. It is terrible to have closed ears, closed mouth, closed eyes. It is more terrible to have a closed heart. Christ is the Great Opener.

#### 3. Feeding The Four Thousand (8:1-10)

In this event there are four thousand people. There are also seven loaves and several fish. Jesus did the same thing that He did in the feeding of the five thousand. He took what was available. He blessed it. He broke it. He gave it for distribution. It would appear to me that twelve baskets of left overs in the feeding of the five thousand and seven baskets in the

feeding of the four thousand are both significant. Twelve representing the religious number and seven representing the perfect number. The twelve baskets of left-overs in the feeding of the five thousand were small baskets. These seven baskets of left-overs were hamper, the kind of basket in which Paul escaped from Damascus (Acts 9:25). Note, that Jesus provided for His disciples and they distributed the provisions.

#### 4. The Pharisees' Demand A Sign

Jesus now went to the western side of the lake to a place not far from Tiberias in all likelihood. There He encountered the Pharisees' who asked for a sign.

#### 5. A Warning To The Disciples

Probably no person in history has been anymore misunderstood both by his friends and his foes than Jesus. These verses give an account of the misunderstanding of His disciples in reference to some of his teaching. This teaching comes after his encounter with the Pharisees on the west side of the lake. The disciples have difficulty avoiding relating Jesus' teachings to the physical. Jesus is teaching a truth concerning bad influence. In scripture heaven, when used symbolically, stands for evil.

Jesus warns His disciples about not hearing Him, not seeing what He does, and not remembering what they hear and what they see.

#### 6. A Blind Man

Jesus came to Bethsaida, close to the place where He fed the five thousand. This is the second of two miracles recorded only by Mark. Mark records Jesus' employing strange means to effect the cures. God in Christ does not always work in the same way all the time. Church members and churches need to remember that God is not bound by any one method. Let God be God.

One might call this the story of the second touch. Jesus had touched the man's eyes after he had spit on them and put His hands upon them. At first the man did not see clearly. Then Jesus touched His eyes the second time and he was restored and he saw clearly.

### II. CONFESSION, REVELATION, AND CHALLENGE

#### 1. Peter's Confession

In order to avoid his fanatical admirers Jesus, apparently, withdrew His disciples to the town of Caesarea Philippi. Of the three accounts of Peter's confession Mark's is the briefest. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of this incident for it is the central point in Jesus' training of the twelve. Who Jesus is is the most important question for an individual to answer.

Jesus, according to Peter, is the Christ. Jesus is the anointed of God. Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus, according to Peter, is the one God promised. The disciples were put to the acid test and Peter, their spokesman, came through with flying colors. The disciples through Peter accurately identified Jesus.

#### 2. Jesus' Prediction of His Cross

Jesus had just been declared to be the Messiah and He had endorsed the confession.

#### 3. Call to the Way of The Cross

Here is one of the strongest of the teachings of Jesus on the cost of discipleship. Christ had just spoken to the disciples about his cross and now He tells them there is also one for each of them if they are true to Him.

Holland, Gulfport, Yemen; Ted H. Holt, Tupelo, Mexico; Daniel L. Johnson, Hattiesburg, Bangladesh; Kenneth L. Michel, Brookhaven, Scotland; John L. Stanley, Clinton, Kenya; and Kathy (Mrs. John L.) Stanley, Clinton, Kenya.

**Stockholm (RNS)** — The Swedish Parliament, by an overwhelming vote, passed a law prohibiting parents from striking their children or treating them in any other humiliating way. The bill goes into effect July 1. The bill clearly prohibits such punishment as slapping, whacking, or spanking children, but the area of "humiliating treatment" is more vague, possibly including such actions as sending them to bed without supper.



## Wansley Road Chapel, Laurel

The Wansley Road Chapel, a mission of the Magnolia Street Church in Laurel, is meeting in a mobile chapel loaned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Frank Harmon is the Magnolia Street pastor.

## Staff Changes

Jerry Wayne Beaty is the new minister of music and youth at First Church, Holly Springs. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Beaty of Dumas, and is married to the former Linda Johnson. He and his wife have two daughters, Melodye and Michelle. He graduated from Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary. He has served several churches in Mississippi and the Gentilly Church in New Orleans.



Beaty

Robert Lloyd (Bobby) Smith assumed his duties as pastor of Parkway Church in Kosciusko on May 1. His wife, Nina, and their three children, Kristi, Todd, and Connie will be moving on May 21. Smith comes from the Strong Hope Church in Copiah County where he served for five years. A graduate of Mississippi College, he received his Master's degree at the New Orleans Seminary and was licensed to preach by his home church, Heuck's Retreat in Lincoln County.



Smith



Edwin and Ruth Sudduth have joined Ashland Church, Ashland, where he is associate pastor and minister of music. Sudduth, a native of Durant, is a graduate of Mississippi College, and attended New Orleans Seminary. He was formerly church organist at Kosciusko and Gulfport and spent six years in full time music evangelism. In 1975 he was ordained to gospel ministry, and has served as associate pastor and minister of music in Fairview Church, Indianola, and First Church, Troy, Tenn. Roy Lee Hamilton is the Ashland pastor.

Improve Church, Marion County, has called Robert Franklin Williams, Jr. as pastor. He served previous pastorate in Alabama and Louisiana. Born in Alabama, he was ordained at First Church, Eufaula. He studied law and accounting at La Salle Extension University, Chicago; earned a B. S. degree at Troy State University; and will receive the Master of Divinity degree May 12 at New Orleans Seminary.



Williams

He and his wife, the former Rosalind Davis of Georgia, have two children. Mrs. Williams has studied voice at New Orleans Seminary, and has been personal secretary to the Vice President for Development at the seminary.

Mrs. Kathy Suber has resigned as church secretary and receptionist at Van Winkle Church, Jackson.

## Names In The News



RETIRING MEMBERS of the Mississippi College faculty and staff were honored by the Western Hinds County Chapter of the Alumni Association with a reception at the Cascades Waterfalls Club in Clinton. The honorees included, from the left, MRS. CHARLES SCOTT, CHARLES SCOTT, professor of education and director of the Career Development Center; MRS. ADA SUMRALL, instructor of library science; and MRS. HAZEL NEWMAN, assistant professor of physical education.



Davie Guess, left, deacon at Potts Camp, has surrendered to the gospel ministry. Marty K. Cooper, right, son of Pastor Alvis Cooper, center, has also surrendered his life to the gospel ministry.

H. W. Brown died April 10 at Nassau, Bahamas. He had been pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church there for 40 years. Bethel is the oldest Baptist Church in Nassau, and is thought to have been started in 1790. During his pastorate at Bethel, Brown taught classes during the week for the benefit of his members — French, Spanish, religious knowledge, mathematics, history and geography of the Bahamas, and music. He is survived by his wife and ten of his 12 children. The funeral, held April 22, started at Bethel Church at 2:45 p.m. and lasted until 6:45 p.m. The church was crowded with masses of people standing inside and outside. A part of the service was broadcast on radio.

Robert Lee Middleton, 85, retired director of the business division for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, died April 23 at his home following a heart attack. Funeral services were held April 24 at Nashville's First Baptist Church with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. Middleton worked at the Sunday School Board from 1925 until his retirement in 1962.

## Thanks To Harrisburg

## West Virginia Mission Soon To Become A Church

A Southern Baptist mission which meets in the Warwood Heights area of Wheeling, West Virginia, soon may be organized as a church, according to Ray Slaughter, area missionary there.

The mission had its beginning after a volunteer team from Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, visited homes in the Warwood Heights subdivision last summer to look for persons interested in attending regular Bible study sessions.

The mission meets in a room furnished by one of the banks in Warwood Heights.

Charles Stouffer, retired pastor working in the Home Mission Board's Mission Service Corps, is leading the mission work in Wheeling.

Slaughter said that a small permanent church may be built in a section near to Warwood Heights, since there are not many available lots where a church might be built in Warwood itself.

It is possible that another team from Harrisburg Church may go to Wheeling this summer, according to Ulvie Fitts, associate pastor, one of the team members last year.

First Church, Yazoo City, sent a team of young people to work in vacation Bible schools in Wheeling, in another part of the city, the same week the Harrisburg team was there.

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## Journeyman Approved

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A record 127 young adults were approved for training at Meredith College, pending medical clearance, as Southern Baptist missionary journeymen during the April meeting here of the Foreign Mission Board.

The number tops last year's record of 106 approvals — the largest number since the journeyman program was begun in 1965. Journeymen are college graduates, age 26 and under, who work overseas for two years alongside career missionaries.

Candidates from 24 states and Canada will go to 47 different countries and territories around the world. They will be commissioned July 20 in Richmond.

Mississippians approved are: Janie Boykin, Raleigh, Liberia; Sue Ann



# Just For The Record...



GREENFIELD CHURCH, GREENVILLE broke ground recently for an annex. The \$80,000 building will house the preschool department, pastor's study, and other church offices. Expected completion date is September. A special guest attending the ceremony was Hugh Virden, representative of M. L. Virden Contractors. Left to right are Larry Davidson, Bob Morgan, Charlie Bennett, Oliver Thrash, Building Committee members; Hugh Virden; Perry Poss, Building Committee member; and Frank Bishop, pastor. Building Committee members not pictured are Gladys Adams, Lil Phillips, and Margie Morgan.



Senior Adults of First Church, Pascagoula, took a trip to Orlando, Fla. in April. They spent four days visiting DisneyWorld, Sea World, and Silver Springs. The senior adults have a JOY club (Just Older Youth) and a senior adult choir. Under direction of Marc Beaver, music minister, they have presented the musical, "Count On Us," in three states. The church's senior adult ministry is under direction of Deborah Thomas, minister of youth and activities, and Mrs. Peggy Hoover, chairman. Pastor is Clark W. McMurray. The group plans to visit Eureka Springs, Ark. in the fall.



FIRST CHURCH OF CLARA, has crowned two Acteens as Queens, Jill Doherty and Donna McCarty. Their leader Mrs. N. L. Shoemaker, Jr. challenged the new Queens to "Follow the Gleam." Also participating in the Coronation were Pastor George McNeese and Acteen Queens Sheila Crawford, Alma Jo Clark, Dawn Clark, and member Renee McCarty.

## Easter Sunrise In Cemetery

On Easter Sunday morning, First Church, Columbia, conducted an Easter Sunrise Ceremony in the cemetery.

The idea was unique, but well received by the community. A crowd attended the 7:30 a.m. service. The pastor, J. Roy McComb, spoke on "The Resurrection From The Dead."

"The decision to conduct the Sunrise Service in the cemetery was made because this is where the last Easter will occur," explained one of the church members.

The Youth Choir at First Church, Oxford, is preparing a cookbook, as a fund raising project for the choir. Members of the church were invited to bring dishes for a luncheon on fifth Sunday, April 29, and then to present their recipes to the choir for the cookbook. The book is to be called *The First Fabulous Fifth Sunday Cookbook*.

Linwood Church, Neshoba County, will observe homecoming day on June 3. Services to begin at 10 a.m. will include Sunday School, fellowship, dinner on the grounds, and morning and afternoon worship services. Mrs. Necie Parker, publicity chairman, states that friends, former members, and former pastors are invited.

The Children's Choir of the Washington Church presented the musical, "Down By The Creek Bank" by Dottie Rambo on April 29, at the church, and have been invited to perform at the Morgantown Church of Natchez. Leaders of the choir are Mrs. Rita Cooley and Mrs. Betty Higginbotham. Solos were sung by Nicole Hensley, Janet Higginbotham, Timmy Herrington, and Richard Freeman. Robert E. Jones is pastor.

Roundaway Church, Sunflower County, will observe Memorial Day May 13. Higdon Herrington from Mathiston Church will bring the message in the 11 a.m. service. T. E. Chapman, Jr. of McGehee, Ark., will lead the music. Following dinner on the ground a memorial service will be held in the sanctuary at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Bobby L. Kirk, Memorial Day Chairman, states that there will be singing, a special memorial given by Mrs. J. W. Gibson, a time of prayer, and a musical concert presented by Chapman. She added that there will be no evening worship service. Wayne Fults is pastor.

J. B. Costlow, Baptist student director at Clarke College, will be the guest speaker for homecoming at Liberty Church in Carroll County on June 3. The morning service will begin at 10:45, and the afternoon service will include singing by the gospel group, Trinity. Dinner will be served at the church at 12. Gus Garrett, pastor, states that the public is invited.

Emmanuel Church of Ocean Springs, closed a week-long deacon-led revival April 20 with a candlelight commitment service.

Preparation for the revival had begun months earlier with a study on stewardship by the deacons and members of the church's stewardship committee using "God's Miraculous Plan of Economy" by Jack Taylor as background.

Deacons conducted the nightly revival meetings which began with a praise service and included testimony and teaching on topics of total life stewardship by individual deacons.

R. R. Josey is chairman of deacons. James Haynes is pastor.

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## Tutor Receives National Award In Scouting

Derwood L. Tutor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, on March 25, was awarded the "Good Shepherd" Award for his work with the Boy Scouts of America.

Tutor is currently Scoutmaster of Troop 85, sponsored by Harrisburg Church, and has served for 30 years in various capacities in Scouting. He was nominated by his pastor, Bob Hamblin, for the national award given to adult scouters through the Association of Baptists for Scouting, in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America.

The purpose of the award is to acknowledge distinguished service by Baptist laypersons and pastors "leading toward the spiritual, physical, mental, and moral development of youth through service to the church and its Scouting program."

### Revival Dates

Beulah Memorial, Brownsville: May 20-27; Paul Ragland, Myrtle, evangelist; Leroy Stewart, music director at Edwards, in charge of music; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; during the week at 7:30 p.m.; dinner to be served in the new fellowship hall on Sunday, May 20; Gael Edgings, pastor.

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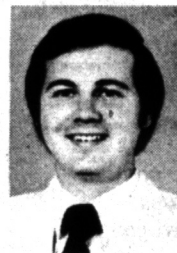
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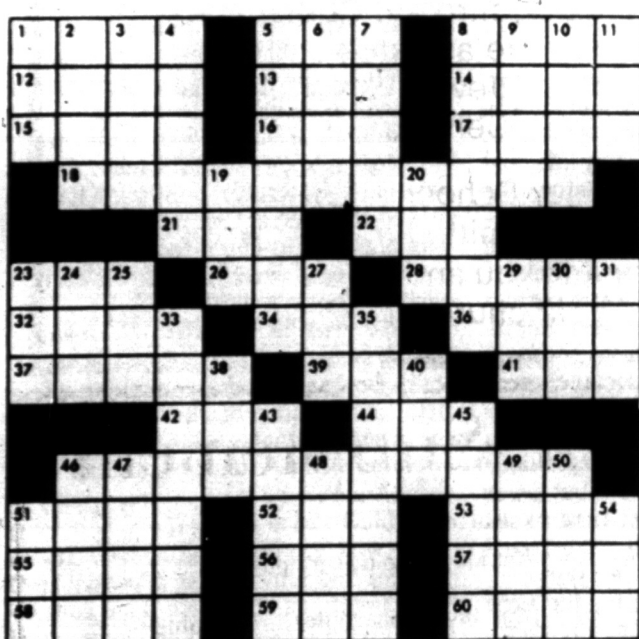
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- Order: abbr.
- Fairy tale king
- Peel
- Scot's have
- Fetid
- Half of ornament
- Time period
- "Be not —" (Eccl. 5)
- "every — is from above" (Jas. 1)
- Time periods: abbr.
- Alaskan people
- "the — number of them" (Num. 3)
- "There are — four months" (John 4)
- "a great — of wind" (Mark 4)

- Man (Gen. 11:18; poss.)
- "With a great —" (Acts 22)
- "raiment of camel's —" (Matt. 3)
- It was of thorns (John 19:2)
- Number
- Highways: abbr.
- Dawn goddess
- "if the — of peace" (Luke 10)
- "hath — life" (John 3)
- Stay for
- Trappist cheese
- Intention
- Anglo-Saxon serf
- Kind of skin
- Diminutive suffix

- Forest animal
- Direction: abbr.
- American army surgeon

### DOWN

- Sea post office: abbr.
- Musical instrument (1 Cor. 14:7)
- Bird
- "not be — in well doing" (Gal. 6)
- "carry these ten —" (1 Sam. 17)
- Fruit residue
- Wages of sin (Rom. 6:23)
- Where Erastus lived (2 Tim. 4)
- Danish king
- Cant
- Old English letter
- Cook
- Neon, for one
- Grampus
- Neck: comb. form
- Pair
- Ancient Egyptian king
- Rower's need
- Free
- Form of address: abbr.
- "What is — than honey" (Judg. 14)
- "and sent a —" (Luke 19)
- Neither's complement
- Negation
- Incline
- Simeon (Acts 13:1)
- Comfort
- "I am the true —" (John 15)
- Cognate
- Book or paper
- "Beautiful — of the temple" (Acts 3)
- Marry
- Guided

### CRYPTOVERSE

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# SCRAPBOOK

## Prodigal

He sort of stumbled back home for no given reason, in an old car that pouted like the one he left in at about the same season. He knew he was too late. Lapse of time lay in the wornout pavement where he remembered only a gravel road. He missed the honeysuckles first, and yellow jasmine. The wild flowers were gone, but the church bloomed. The town had become a city, built by architects and shrewd business men, his old school friends whose hair if still there must be as grey as his own. He had hardly built anything in all the exotic lands he had seen, and now his strength was all gone. He sank low in the tired car as the cemetery reared up. Need he go farther to find what he had left behind? If he stomped up the hill beyond that angel monument in quiet discard, would her name leap up on a stone? Surely his people were all gone — they were all gone. Where the car had paused, he scratched off and tore on to the lane leading home. Misaid among low brick houses, the old place was worn, as though it too freaked out like a tomb. His motor died at the gate. He was simply out of gas. The yard was tall grass crowding the old camellia tree. Surely no one lived here. His lip trembled uncontrolled in the ancient sunset. She would have been ninety. The door opened and a woman stooped to cross the porch, to peer at him with studied practice as though searching for a lost soul through countless years, prayers and tears. She hadn't changed. Only her youth was gone, and as she glowed with recognition, her wrinkles were but dimples on her face. Praise God, she was still here! Mama was still here.

—Violet Tackett

## Heavenly Treasure

The flood may wash away our hopes and dreams, But though all seems lost, there is hope, it seems. God stands by to strengthen, help, and guide; He is always and forever by our side.

We learn that our treasure is not here on earth, But sealed in heaven through our new birth. Tho' our worldly goods may be swept away, We will know how rich we are in heaven some day.

—Betty Aztell

## Upon Your Graduation

It seems so little time ago I picked away your toys And daily as I watched you grow Accepting bright new joys How oft I've felt that inward glow Amazed that you were mine, The mingled feelings parents know, A faith almost divine. With graduation day so near

Fond memories unfold Your childhood days were all so dear And none would I withhold The plans you've made, eyes shining clear I pray will be fulfilled And that you face life without fear With faith of childhood still.

—Valerie Boyd Howell

Music is Love in search of a word. — Sidney Lanier

One, on God's side, is a majority — Wendell Phillips

## Life's Desires

By Evie Landrum Goodrich  
In our Bible we find the word "desire" used many times.

David said, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Psalms 37:4).

We desire many things for ourselves, the family and community, but before we dwell too much on what we want, we should be conscious of what we need, and be sure our desires will glorify God.

Some years ago I attended a missionary rally in Union County.

The subject of the program was faith. One of the speakers was a radiant Christian woman who quoted one Bible verse after another, on faith.

The pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Albany was next on program. When he arose to speak he said, "Thank the Lord, Mrs. Neely left one verse on faith unquoted. I'll speak on that one."

After the program, while on our way to New Albany, I asked the ladies to tell me about Mrs. Neely.

Her education was limited and she sewed to help make a living. While doing so, she propped the Bible on the machine and memorized scriptures. That was one desire of her life — to know more about God.

Another desire was for her alcoholic husband to stop drinking. She said she would pat him on the back and would say, "Some day, John, it's going to be all right with you." Her desire was realized and they prospered and shared their income for many good purposes.

The last time I saw John he told me that Hattie (his wife) was the best Christian that he had ever known.

There is an old truism to the effect that we learn by our mistakes. And sometimes, and to some extent, this is the case. But there is a danger: if you concentrate upon being educated by your mistakes you may get to dwelling on them too much and thereby keep yourself in the mistake groove. Whenever a mistake has been made, one should extract from it all the know-how it may offer and then put it immediately out of one's mind. — Norman Vincent Peale.

Avoid witticisms at the expense of others. — Horace Mann

## Caribbean Media Center Develops

The Caribbean Baptist Fellowship Media Committee, with Michael Searcy as the Southern Baptist missionary assigned to that work, is continuing to develop radio and television formats throughout the Caribbean.

The plans and specifications for the building for the Media Center, to be located on Jean Street, Nassau, Bahamas, have been completed, except for the electrical engineering and air conditioning engineering. Robert Shivers, a volunteer from the U.S. is working on these two areas. As soon as his work is completed, they will be in a position to put the work out for bid and to find out exactly what the construction costs will be.

Searcy and Alan Compton, the Southern Baptist missionary in charge of media work throughout Middle America and the Caribbean, traveled to Ft. Worth, Texas, during the last part of April to consult with engineers at the Radio and TV Commission, SBC, on the equipment to be purchased. Searcy continued on to El Paso to make arrangements with the Baptist Spanish Publishing House for printing.

Projects being developed at this time (other than building and equipping the Media Center) include the writing and pre-production planning of the first TV special (in both English and French); putting together a Children's Evangelism Package; developing two radio formats to be ready at the time the production facilities are finished; and development of follow-up material for the film recently shot in Antigua.

## Red Creek Union Will Mark Its 100th Year

Red Creek Union Church, Jackson County, will take note of its centennial on Sunday, May 20. The morning worship service will be followed by an old-time dinner on the grounds and a social hour.

Mrs. Gladys Flurry states that all friends and former pastors and members are invited to help celebrate. William Mootie is the pastor.

Sunday is the core of our civilization, dedicated to thought and reverence. It invites to the noblest solitude, and to the best society. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Devotional

## Opportunity To Share — Some Lovin'

By Bill Rittenhouse, Pastor, First, Tupelo

Have you ever been a disappointment to your parents? Somehow as we approach this Mother's Day time, I'm thinking of the many times I must have hurt and disappointed my own precious mother. And then my thoughts go to the deeper truth, "How many times my words or action must disappoint my Lord, Jesus Christ."

Nell and I are the proud parents of three lovely daughters. All three are married to fine young men and two of them are the mothers of our three grandchildren. Our oldest daughter, Sherrie, wrote us the following incident that I would like to share with you as we think of all of our faults and all of God's love. It may serve as an encouragement to you mothers who share so beautifully in life.

"It's still got some lovin' in it" By Sherrie (Rittenhouse) Forshey  
"Not long ago, while I was cleaning Christy's room, I picked up a stuffed dog to discover a large hole dumping out little pieces of foam stuffing all over the floor. The dog already had one ear off and the other was barely hanging by a thread. With this discovery of the hole emptying out such a mess, I decided that it was time to put this doggie to his final rest."

"As I was about to place him in the trash, Christy came in and immediately started tugging at me saying, 'Mommy, what are you doing with my doggie?' I tried explaining how she had so many other toys to play with and that doggie was in such bad shape that she wouldn't miss him. She looked up at me with her big blue eyes and listened as I talked and calmly said, 'But Mommy, this doggie still has some lovin' in him.' Needless to say, I did some fast repair work on it so she could continue to love it."

"This taught me a lesson about God. It never matters to Him that we are worn out or have lost some of our 'stuffing' by life's situations. He still finds the lovin' in us. We are always important to Him and He sees our possibilities even when we think we have none."

"The 'stuffing' we lose could be likened to sin. God tells us we are sinners in Romans 3:23, but He also tells us in the very next verses that we are freed from this sin through Christ. We will continue to empty out our stuffings until we accept this."

Then, He doesn't just leave us to dump 'stuffing.' He tells us that with Him we can do all things. In Philippians 4:13, it says that it is possible to be lovely as well as loved."

"Whenever I feel that I have emptied so much of me in life, I draw strength in the knowledge of His love. He still finds the lovin' in me. Praise God!!!"

Let me add a personal word as a pastor. I know that God always loves me, even when I don't deserve His love. I know He loves you, too.

THIS IS THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURES THAT I LIKE:

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

TO LIFE WE CAN SAY:

"Lord, don't ever let me fail to love the 'stuffed' or 'unstuffed.'"

## Society Hill Will Help Support Evangelists Here And In India

Society Hill Church near Oakvale in Jeff Davis County has adopted a Bold Missions campaign designed to reach people in the church community, in the United States, and on the other side of the world. Ray Henry is the pastor.

In support of the All India Prayer Fellowship, Director P. N. Kurien will speak at Society Hill May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

During a Christian Life Conference

in April, the church members voted to support the community revival with an amount up to and above what is budgeted; help support the James Robison evangelistic team; and support native evangelists of the All India Prayer Fellowship and possibly help finance a crusade in India.

Twenty men in the Society Hill Church have already pledged support with extra money.

## Uniform Lesson God's Living Letters

By Larry Kennedy,  
First, Laurel  
2 Cor. 2:14-3:6

My four year old son looked up at his Sunday School teacher and said, "My dad and I drink beer together every night and he beats me every night before he puts me to bed" (I must confess that there is some truth to the later part of that statement). A few nights later, we were watching TV together when a commercial appeared showing a father and son drinking beer together as an act of celebration. The commercial made beer-drinking a very appealing social function, and it certainly impressed the mind of my four year old (the commercials never show the ten million alcoholics, the other twenty million family members adversely affected by the alcoholic person, and the thousands of deaths that are related to drinking). For better or for worse, the things that we see do make an impression upon us.

Our Sunday School lesson reminds us that as Christians God has placed us here so that we might make a positive impression upon the world. Paul compares a Christian to a "letter . . . known and read by all men." We are God's "living" letters to the world. For a moment consider some characteristics of a "living" letter.

### I. Our Author

Every letter has an author. As "living" letters, our author is God. Paul said that we are a "letter of Christ . . . written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God . . ." (2 Cor. 3:3).

Many times the various books of the Bible are referred to as God's love letters written to his bride, the church. Certainly there is some truth in that statement. However, the Christian is God's love letter written to a lost world. The Spirit of God wants to possess our lives to such a degree that all men who "read" our lives would see the living Christ in us. God works in our lives to demonstrate to a lost world that he really does make a difference when he is allowed to rule in the human heart.

William Barclay has written: "Long ago Plato had said that the good teacher does not write his message in ink that will fade, in words that cannot speak. He finds a disciple and sows the seed of the message in a heart that understands. He writes his message upon men. That is what Jesus had done."

I wonder — have you allowed the Spirit of God to write his message of love upon your heart?

### II. Our Content

Every letter has content. Just before he died, Thomas Jefferson destroyed over 10,000 personal letters. Most of these were letters that he had written to his wife and other personal friends. The letters were of a very intimate nature, and he did not want the contents of these letters scrutinized by the future students of history.

God is the author of our lives, and he wants the world to have the opportunity to "read" us. As far as God is concerned, we can be the best proof of his existence. When the "content" of our lives reflects the living Christ, then God is glorified and people are drawn to the saviour.

As a living letter from Christ, exactly what should be our content? I believe Paul revealed the content when he wrote, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control . . ." (Gal. 5:22-23).

A married man claimed that his wife was like an angel. When asked to explain that statement, he said, "She has nothing to wear; she is always up in the air; and she harps on things." How tragic it is that many Christians appear to be similar in nature. May God help us to yield to his Spirit and develop a life that reflects the character of Christ. This kind of "content" will do much to glorify God.

### III. Our Destination

Every letter has a destination. As a "living" letter of Christ, our destination is to the world in which we live.

Letters have greatly affected the course of history. Prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln wrote to General Robert E. Lee asking him to take command of the Union Army. Although opposed to slavery, Lee was a loyal Virginian. He wrote to Lincoln explaining his position and declined the command of the Federal Army. That letter probably prolonged the Civil War by several years.

As a "living" letter of Christ, the believer can affect the course of history. Because of our faithfulness to the Lord, we can have a part in the eternal redemption of other men. Even now the Spirit of God seeks to use us to bring lost men to Christ. At this very

moment a lost man is "reading" your life. I wonder — will he "read" Christ and be saved?

### IV. Our Message

Every letter has a message. As a "living" letter of Christ, our message is — GOD IS LOVE AND HE MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE HUMAN LIFE.

Zacchaeus is a good example of a man who became a "living" letter of God. Because of his conversion, he sought out those he had mistreated and robbed; and he restored to these people all that was due them. In response to his faith, Jesus said, "Salvation has come to this house." You can be assured that the people of Jericho viewed Zacchaeus as a "living" letter of Christ.

Satan seeks to corrupt our lives. He desires to make us into a letter of bad news. However, the power of God is stronger than the power of Satan. As we yield to the Lord daily and seek his will in all things, he comes to empower us as a "living" letter of good news. The love of God flows from us to others. And it causes others to say, "There really is a Christ because I see that Christ in the believers."

Remember that today we are a "letter" of Christ. Ask yourself the supreme question: What do men see when they "read" my life?

## Off The Record

An Eskimo ran afoul of the law in Greenland, and was being tried. "I wish you to tell me," said the judge, "just what you were doing on the night of October 11 to April 30."

A man can feel that he is a success as a radio announcer when he's fast enough to get the commercial in before the listener can change stations.

Teacher: "Who was the smartest inventor?"

Johnny: "Thomas Edison. He invented the phonograph so people could sit up all night and use his electric light bulbs."

## Life and Work Lesson Pointing Another To God

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We preachers like the story of Naaman the Syrian general and his healing from leprosy. "It preaches!" we like to say.

And it surely does — with its emphasis on the witnessing slave girl from Israel, the proud but dying general who wants God's gifts on his own terms, and its beautiful picture of salvation which is by faith only.

Briefly, the story concerns the commander-in-chief of the Syrian army whose career had gone right in every respect. His future was assured. However, in 5:1 we read those tragic words, "But he was a leper." That little "but" undid everything else!

A Jewish slave girl who served his wife urged her mistress to get him to see the prophet in Israel. She mentioned no name. Immediately, Naaman passes that word on to King Ben-hadad.

The king wanted his man saved. So he charges Naaman to go to the king of Israel, take along expensive gifts, and hand him a letter instructing him to see that you are healed of leprosy. Little wonder that the king of Israel came unglued! "Who does that guy think I am?" he cries. "He's trying to pick a fight with me!"

But Elisha heard and said, "Bring him to me." Evidently God had put it in his heart that this man was to become exhibit A of His power to heal.

Elisha had learned well from his teacher Elijah that the man of God must not cover before "important people." So he sent his servant out instead, and to compound the insult to Naaman, commanded him to dip himself seven times in the Jordan.

Only after a tremendous struggle with himself did the general humble himself sufficiently to obey. When he came up after the seventh dip, the Bible says his flesh was that of a new child. (Somewhere I recall a healer who claimed that God filled teeth in his services. An evangelist remarked that he did not believe God would do that; instead, God would give them a brand new tooth!)

Two lessons for us can be easily seen among the many found in this story.

Misconceptions about witnessing. The servant girl is a good example for those who would be witnesses for their Lord. She destroys several wrong

ideas about faith-sharing.

(1) That witnessing is only for certain places. In a church building, for example. In Babylon, we recall, the Israelites refused to sing for their captors. "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" they asked (Psalm 137). But we can witness anywhere — and must.

(2) That witnessing is only for the mature. God has often used the words of a child to convict and direct others. Anyone who loves Jesus can witness.

(3) That witnessing must point only to God and never to a person. We're told not to invite people to church or to come and hear our evangelist. Yet, God uses that. I know a woman who asked her two co-workers to come to her church's revival. They did and brought their husbands. Before the week was out, all four were saved. Today, one of the husbands has finished seminary and is pastoring a church.

(4) That witnessing obeys certain laws concerning social classes. For instance, you can witness to someone only if they are in your social class or beneath it. According to this misconception, a banker could lead a mechanic to Christ, and the mechanic a filling station attendant — but never the other way around. Yet, here we see God using a little Jewish girl to reach the second-in-command in Syria.

Obviously, witnessing for the Lord Jesus must and can be done anywhere, by anyone who loves Him, in any way God makes available, to anyone in need.

Misconceptions About Salvation

Naaman shows us all the wrong ideas about God's salvation. Yet these misconceptions abound inside and outside the church today.

(1) That there is no salvation. Naaman's initial view of his leprosy was that it was hopeless. He knew no one who had been healed of leprosy. It was terminal. This is the view of some about life. "Live is terminal," they say, sometimes indicating that man's fate is sealed and he must adjust to the inevitable. But there is salvation in Christ. And that's the Gospel.

(2) That man himself has the solution. In 5:6 Ben-hadad's letter to the Israeli king instructed, "Thou mayest recover him of leprosy."

(3) That salvation may be on my terms. Naaman had it all figured out. The prophet would come out and stand, then call on the name of the

Lord, strike his hand dramatically over the place and pronounce him healed. Poor Naaman had been watching too many faith-healers on television. God's method is often tailored to fit the individual. He doesn't care for our formulas.

Naaman said, "Behold I thought . . ." And when God's man did not act as he had planned, he pouted and was ready to go home.

Think for a moment about situations in our churches where needy people have blown up about the way God's people were running things. In too many cases, they have stormed out and left behind any chance of receiving God's blessing.

Naaman's problem was pride. He wanted his experience with Jehovah to have class. So would it be all right if we moved the revival tent to Syria and I was baptized in one of our beautiful rivers? No, it would not. You'll do it God's way or not at all.

God's way is by faith. In Jesus Christ.

(4) That salvation is something difficult. As Naaman headed home pouting, a servant managed to salvage the situation. "Had he told you to do something hard," he said, "you surely would have done it."

He was exactly right. Had the prophet told him to push a peanut to Mecca with his nose, he'd have gone. Or to give a sack of gold, or say many prayers.

"Well, how much better to wash and be clean!" Good logic, servant, and it saved the day. Naaman turned around and headed back to Elisha.

You cannot save yourself. So Christ died for our sins and God offers us redemption free by simply trusting. It's simple. But it's God's only way.

(5) That it costs money. In 5:15, after being healed Naaman tries to force a large gift onto the prophet. But he refused it. It was the pagan magicians and false prophets who charged for their services. God's man must be different from the world, and the world must know that only God has worked his miracle.

Salvation is free to us. But only because "Jesus paid it all."

All of the above are myths. There is a salvation, but only in Christ. Man has no enduring solution. The work of the Israeli girl and the prophet Elisha is the same — pointing to Him who alone has power to change.